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WASHINGTON.

Debate in the Senate on the Suffrage Amendment.

The Indian Appropriation Bill Before the House.

A Vote of Censure of Mr. Holbrook, Delegate from Idaho.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 4.

The Senate took up the consideration of the Constitutional Amendment early after 1 o'clock, and debated it until about 4. Only four speeches were made on the subject; the principal, although not the longest, being that delivered by Senator MORTON, which was listened to with close attention. Mr. MORTON did not altogether favor the amendment either of the House or of the Senate Judiciary Committee, although he stated that he would vote for either if he could not get one more acceptable. His main objection to the proposition in its present form is, that a State can, if she has the inclination, evade the spirit of the amendment when it becomes a law. While adhering strictly to its letter, he holds that even after its adoption, the States will still have control of the question of suffrage. Both amendments, which are substantially the same, there being only a slight verbal difference between them, provide that neither the United States nor a State shall deny or abridge the rights to vote or hold office to any citizen of the United States, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Mr. MORTON argues that a State can, if she chooses, deny or abridge these rights by other means than those he supposes, for instance, an educational qualification, or any other restriction, which legislative ingenuity will readily suggest. Besides this, he is opposed to the negative form of the amendment. Almost all the provisions of the Constitution are affirmative in character, and he considers that for the sake of uniformity, if nothing else, the amendment had better now be made an affirmative proposition. The point is made against both Senators HENDRICKS and DOUGLAS, that in their speeches in opposition they had not addressed themselves to the merits of the question, but confined themselves mainly to the form of submitting the amendment to the people, was happy and forcible. The fact marks a stage in the history of the Democratic Party, if these gentlemen may be regarded as its spokesmen.

A DELEGATE CENSURED.

The most prominent feature in the House proceedings to-day was a parliamentary scene during the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill, in which Mr. HOLBROOK, delegate from Idaho, extinguished himself, and brought down upon him the unanimous and formal censure of the House by boarding the Bulletin in a spirit of foolish bravado. The House was considering the amendments to the bill made in Committee of the Whole, and Mr. GARFIELD made a most vigorous and incisive speech on the corruption of the Indian management generally, and in defense of his proposition to transfer the Bureau to the War Department. Mr. WINDOM replied to Mr. GARFIELD very warmly, and Gen. BUTLER, who was managing the bill, proceeded to close the debate, and in so doing made some remarks not very complimentary to Indian Agents. Scarcely every territorial delegate has been an Indian Agent at some time or other. Mr. HOLBROOK thought this was personal, and he interrupted Gen. BUTLER, and told him he was uttering what was unpalatably false, and that he (BUTLER) knew it was false. A point of order was at once made. The words were taken down on the demand of Mr. BENJAMIN, of Missouri, and being read from the official notes, the Speaker ruled them as highly unparliamentary. Mr. HOLBROOK was then given an opportunity to withdraw them, which he refused to do in a sort of Border-ruffian spirit. A vote of censure was then unanimously ordered, and he was brought before the bar of the House under arrest, and the Speaker administered the censure of the House in severe terms.

WAR DEPARTMENT RETRENCHMENT.

Secretary SCHOFIELD presented his views yesterday to the House Military Committee relative to the reduction of the army, but more especially in reference to the consolidation of the bureaus, which have grown such vast and expensive departments. From the following synopsis of the opinions of the Secretary, it will be seen that his plan of retrenchment is a most sweeping one, which, if carried out successfully, will save an immense annual sum to the Government. He considered that the Quartermaster and Commissary Department might be advantageously consolidated into one, the Ordnance and Artillery into another, and the Engineer and Coast Survey into a third. On being questioned as to whether this would not impair the efficiency of the service, he replied that he thought not; that the work would be much more satisfactorily performed under one head. His most startling and important recommendation was that the War and Navy Departments be placed under the charge of one Secretary, the military branch of which should be managed by a General, and the naval by an Admiral. He gave it as his opinion that brevets ought to be abolished altogether. He spoke in favor of a transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department, and thought the change would be for the advantage of the Government, as well as of the Indians. He said that, above all others, the officers who fight the Indians are in favor of having peace with them. There was no honor to be won in Indian wars and outbreaks. He believed that in nine cases out of ten these disturbances are the result of the encroachments of the whites. The War Department, said he, has spent more money within the last year in the suppression of insurrections than it would take to feed the Indians for five years. The members of the Committee coincide in opinion with the Secretary in nearly all of the above points, and it is more than probable that the consolidation and changes indicated will be recommended.

GEN. GRANT AND HIS STAFF.

Gen. GRANT, accompanied by Gens. DENT and BADEAU, of his staff, left for New-York in the morning train to-day. Gen. RAWLINS, Chief of Staff, left in the train to-night for Danbury, Conn., to join his family, where he will remain for several weeks. Gen. COMSTOCK and wife left on the early morning train for Tallahassee, Fla., whence they go to Key West on their bridal trip. Gen. GRANT will be absent until Tuesday next, it being his intention to be here when the Presidential vote is counted. The House to-day agreed to the one necessary preliminary to this event by the appointment of JAS. T. WILSON, of Iowa, and JOHN V. L. PRUYN, of New-York, tellers on its part to count the vote with the tellers appointed by the Senate. Mr. WILSON served in the same capacity at the last election of Mr. LINCOLN. His associate then was JOHN I. DAWSON, of Pennsylvania.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

The postal telegraph system and the question of subsidizing a steamship line to Europe were considered to-day by the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. Three gentlemen gave their views in reference to the first subject. Mr. ORTON, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, argued against the proposed assumption of the regulation and management of the telegraph business of the country by Government. Mr. HUBBARD and Mr. DERBY presented their views in favor of the scheme. The Committee came to no conclusion on the subject, and will again resume the consideration of the topic. It is more than probable that the Committee will concur with the House Committee and report against the scheme. A gentleman interested in one of the new numerous mail steamship lines to Europe made an address in favor of the proposition that Government should place in his Company, the owner thereof, as all such matter which they may be allowed to carry, to Europe.

THE RECALCITRANT WITNESSES.

The House dealt summarily to-day with the two refractory witnesses from New-York, who were arrested at the request of the Committee on the New-York Election Frauds. JOHNSON having purged himself of contempt by testifying and showing that his failure to respond was the result of accident or ignorance rather than a design to destroy the members of the Committee, SCANNELL was ordered to be discharged on payment of costs of arrest, and there was considerable discussion on his case, and his Democratic friends made an effort to secure his unconditional release but failed. Mr. BROOKS and Mr. KEYES asserted that he was a poor man and unable to pay the sum; but, in refutation of this statement, Mr. LAWRENCE announced that he had been a member of the New-York Common Council, upon which showing the House unconditionally enforced the sentence and he was remanded to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms. SCANNELL says he cannot and will not pay the bill of costs, which amount to about $19, and he will therefore have a chance to play the role of a martyr for a short time. This will not last long, as he isn't big enough game for that purpose.

THE OVERLAND MAILS.

The WELLS-FARGO investigation assumed a new phase to-day. The correspondent of the New-York *Evening Post* having charged that the Committee had failed to summon certain witnesses and were preparing to make a white-washing report, he was summoned to-day and asked to furnish names and facts to substantiate his charges. He responds by saying that a member of Congress, whose name he gave, had told him so, and asked for time until to-morrow to consult certain notes which would afford him data for fuller answer. The Committee are of the opinion that this is all the foundation he had for making his statement.

THE ALASKA INVESTIGATION.

In the Alaska investigation, the correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, whose alleged action has been the subject of the recent testimony of Messrs. ROBERT J. WALKER and F. P. STERNS, has demanded an opportunity to reply to their statements, which will be afforded him by the Committee. He pronounces them utterly untrue, and says he can prove them to be so.

THE NEW-YORK ELECTION FRAUDS.

The investigation of the New-York election frauds was continued to-day by the Select Committee, who have charge of the subject. The two witnesses, JOHNSON and SCANNELL, who were yesterday brought before the bar of the House, gave some testimony this morning. JOHNSON's evidence went to show that he was an active and zealous agent of Tammany Hall in the late election, and that through his instrumentality the Republican polling-clerks were made drunk at one of the booths in the Fourth Ward, which afforded him an opportunity to stuff the ballot boxes with the names of eighty-five fraudulent voters, which were duly counted and went to swell the City majority against GRISWOLD.

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS.

There will be an entire revision of the Naturalization laws at the next, if not during the present, session of Congress. The general system of fraud and cheating in the elections in the East and West, and more especially in New-York City for some years past, has induced one or two prominent members of Congress to give their attention to the subject, in the hope of securing some legislation which will have the effect of diminishing if not putting a stop to the crimes and abuses which now exist. Two members of the House Committee for the Revision of the Laws have prepared bills on the subject, which will be considered at a special meeting of the Committee on Saturday morning next. Judge POLAND, who has had an experience of a quarter of a century on the Bench, and Mr. JENCKES, of Rhode Island, have drawn up two measures on the subject which the above-named Committee will be asked to examine, after to-morrow. Mr. DICKEY, of the same Committee, who is also on the New-York Election Frauds Committee, will have some views to present on the subject.

THE ALABAMA TREATY.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee have not yet taken up the consideration of the protocol to the Alabama treaty, and no day has been decided on for its discussion. The question when it shall come up rests entirely with the Chairman of the Committee, and he has not yet mentioned a word on the subject. The indications now are that there will be no action taken on it even in Committee during the present session of Congress. The best opinion on the subject is that the Committee will present no adverse report on it, if even they report at all.

THE TAX BILL.

Gen. SCHENCK made an encouraging statement to-day in the House regarding the Tax bill. He said it was substantially completed in Committee of the Whole, the only work remaining to be done being the substitution of the present law on spirits and tobacco for the provisions in the bill relating to the same, they being identical in all their provisions. The House will finish the bill within a week, and if the Senate were so disposed it could even yet be passed there. The session to-night is for debate only. Mr. MOORHEAD tried to get up his Tariff bill as usual, but failed as usual.

DR. MUDD PARDONED.

The President to-day directed a pardon to issue for Dr. MUDD, the assassination conspirator now confined at the Dry Tortugas. Efforts are being made also to secure the pardon of ARNOLD and SPANGLER, the only remaining prisoners now confined there on this charge. There is reason to believe that they will be successful, and that before the close of Mr. JOHNSON's term every living participant in that terrible crime will be released.

RAILROAD SUBSIDIES.

The Senate Pacific Railroad Committee will hold a meeting on Friday next to hear the report of the sub-committee, who are considering the measure known as the Omnibus Railroad bill, and who have also in charge the consideration of the new proposition of gentlemen holding the interest formerly held by the Credit Mobilier, whose terms may be anticipated. The statements that the full Committee have agreed to any propositions on these topics are erroneous.

THE INAUGURATION BALL.

The Committee on the Inauguration Ball have taken hold of the matter with as much vigor that notwithstanding the limited time for preparations it will nevertheless be complete and brilliant in all its parts. No finer place for the festivities could have been secured than the new wing of the Treasury. Among the Committee are Admiral BARNEY, Gen. WEAVER, H. D. COGGSWELL, Major POORE, A. R. SPOFFORD, Esq., and other leading officers and civilians.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

Both Houses have adopted the necessary preliminary steps for the taking of the next census. The gentlemen who are to compose the Joint Committee on the part of the House were announced a few days ago. Mr. WARD to-day designated the following gentlemen on the part of the Senate: Messrs. CONKLING, ANTHONY, BROWN, SAWYER and HOUSTON. The joint Resolution under which they are appointed empowers them to sit during the Summer to prepare a draft of the necessary legislation.

MISSISSIPPI RECONSTRUCTION.

The Reconstruction Committee have ordered their evidence in be printed, and Gov. BOUTWELL is now engaged on the report in the Mississippi case, which will be presented to the House next week. The decision of the Committee in the case of this State has not yet formally been made, and the character of the report cannot yet be stated.

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CONSULS AND CONSULARS.

The President has recognized Baron ROSEN as Consul of the North German Union, at Mobile, Ala.; J. U. CORDES, as Consul of the North German Union, at Boston; EMILIO DE LOS OLASA, as Consul of Venezuela, at New-York; EDWARD F. DAVIDSON, as Consul-General of the Argentine Republic, for the United States.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

The interest paid by the United States, on all bonds issued to the Union Pacific Railway Company, (Eastern Division), including Dec. 31, last, is $629,800. Fifty per cent. of the earnings from Government business returned to the Treasury by the Company, as provided by law, is $616,788.

INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

The Grand Jury has found a true bill for manslaughter against a man who, without knowledge or skill in medicine, administered ten grains of sulphate of morphine to a woman who, it is alleged, died in consequence.

MARINE LIGHT.

The Light-house Board officially announces that the range of lights at Hilton Head, South Carolina, will be discontinued after the 15th of March.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rear-Admiral BOWAN reports, under date Shanghai, Dec. 1, the employment of vessels in the Asiatic Squadron during the month of November as follows: The *Idaho*, stationed at Nagasaki, as a store and hospital ship; *Oneida* at Yokahama; the *Monongahela*, at Hiogo; *Oneida* and *Iroquois* at Shanghai; the *Iroquois* cruising about the Island of Formosa; the *Mosaic* left Nagasaki on Nov. 3 for Hiogo; the *Vandalia* at her old station; headquarters at Hong Kong.

Lieut.-Commander J. M. WOTTEN has been ordered to the Boston Navy-yard to relieve Commander J. H. ROWLAND in the receiving ship *Potomac*.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The following cases were disposed of in the Supreme Court to-day:

BROWN vs. HOWSON, and the Phœnix Insurance Company vs. the same; Appeals from the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York, reversing the decrees of the District Court in cases of collision. The cases were submitted.

INGLE, administrator, *de bonis non*, vs. JONES; continued to next term.

MIFE, appellant, vs. HUSSEY; continued to next term.

SLOSS vs. LADD et al.; controversy concerning certain lands in Oregon; cause argued.

MARSHALL vs. LADD et al.; controversy same as in last above mentioned; submitted.

LAMBE vs. COOPER; suit on a promissory note; submitted.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 4.

Mr. POMEROY presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Kansas, relating to the mail service and post routes in that State.

THE STEAMER ATLANTIC.

Mr. HENDRICKS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported, with amendment, the House joint resolution directing the sale of the steamer *Atlantic*, which was taken up considered and passed.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Mr. CHANDLER presented a joint resolution of the Michigan Legislature, requesting Michigan Representatives and Senators to secure the passage of the River and Harbor Appropriation bill.

NEW SENATORS.

The Chair presented the credentials of THOMAS W. TIPTON, Senator elect from Nebraska.

Mr. NYE presented the credentials of WILLIAM M. STEWART, Senator elect from Nevada.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. EDMUNDS introduced a bill to provide better security for engraving and printing of the securities of the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. EDMUNDS' bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to contract for engraving, printing and bank notes printing establishment, for a period not less than ten years, to do each a portion of said work, in such manner that one shall be a check upon the other and upon the officers of the Treasury Department.

Mr. VAN WINKLE introduced a bill to incorporate the Junction Railroad Company of Washington. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. OSBORN introduced a bill for an American line of steamships, designed for passenger steamships between certain Atlantic ports and one port in each European ports, which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices. The steamers are to run from Fernandina, Fla., and Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, Havre and Bremen, and receive $1,000 per mile annually for carrying the mails.

Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported, with an amendment, the bill concerning divorces in the District of Columbia.

Mr. SPENCER introduced a bill granting twenty alternate sections of land per mile to the New-Orleans and Selma Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. CATTELL introduced a bill to provide for the conversion of registered bonds of the United States into coupon bonds, which was referred to the Committee on Finances.

It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue, upon application, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, to any holder of registered bonds of the United States, and in lieu of any registered bonds which have been or may hereafter be lawfully issued, such number of coupon bonds of the same aggregate amount of bonds issued under the acts authorizing the issue of the registered bonds offered for exchange.

Mr. COLE introduced a bill to grant lands to the Santa Barbara branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a bill to remove certain grants of land to the State of Alabama.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. SUMNER presented resolutions of the Colored Council of the Union League of Winchester, Virginia, expressing confidence in the qualifications of Judge PARKER, of Virginia. Referred to the Judiciary Committee. Also, a petition of CYRUS ALSON, of New-York, asking that $600,000 be retained out of the price of the Island of St. Thomas, to reimburse him for certain financial losses in that island, and that certain lands be set apart for the use of the Danish Government, in exchange for certain other lands, which would secure the Isthmus of Holstein, to the commercial nations between the North Sea and the Baltic.

Mr. MORGAN presented a petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company, praying the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on submarine cable purchased for the Atlantic telegraph enterprise.

TAKING THE OBSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. HOWE, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably the bill to pay loyal citizens in the States lately in rebellion for services in taking the United States census of 1860.

THE DENVER RAILROAD.

Mr. POMEROY moved to take up the motion made by Mr. CONKLING several days since, to reconsider the vote upon the bill relating to the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad to Alleg, the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WILLIAMS) to offer an amendment.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

On motion of Mr. PATTERSON, of New-Hampshire, the Senate took up the bill to provide for the paving of Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, which was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The Constitutional Amendment was then taken up as the unfinished business of yesterday.

The pending amendment was then moved by Mr. STEWART, to substitute for the joint resolution of the House, the report of the Judiciary Committee. The former proposes that the citizens of the United States shall be entitled to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

Mr. FERRY, addressed the Senate at length upon the subject. He said he believed the Senate had decided the question of the form of the amendment by the action of the Judiciary Committee in the matter of the proposed amendment to the Constitution; but he now saw that such an argument would be superfluous because the opponents of the measure had changed ground and opposed now, not the amendment itself, but only the proposed way of submitting it for ratification. He quoted from Kent's Commentaries, and from the speech of Mr. DAVIS, of Illinois, to show that the mode of the amendment, was correct in question the right of Congress to propose any amendment at all, to the Constitution. These were still unrepealed. The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HENDRICKS), alluding to a report in the Judiciary Committee for self-government, was present to give the Congress Parliament as an example. His colleague (Mr. DIXON) had twice during the last fifteen years, committed himself to the extension of the right of suffrage to the disfranchised classes, finding himself compelled by his new affiliations to turn his back upon his past acts and profession; yet he did not attack the principle of the amendment, but contented himself with attempting to defeat it by indirection. The remaining question, therefore, was one of expediency. How can the votes of the people be best obtained on this amendment? That question was answered by the precedents. The Thirteenth Fourteenth Amendment has been submitted to the State Legislatures for ratification. The suggestion that this amendment might not be submitted to the existing Legislatures, but Conventions called expressly for that purpose as an expression great to each State, and unknown in any precedent, was nothing but a politician's after thought.

Mr. FERRY then made an elaborate vindication of the representative system of Connecticut, which Mr. DIXON had spoken of as a "rotten pocket system," and insisted that under it the views of the people were fairly and fully expressed. His colleague had said if that amendment was adopted, Connecticut would cease to be an independent State. That cry coming from that quarter surprised him, because he had heard it before and during the war, from the rebels of the South, and the treasonable Democracy of Connecticut; but the loyal people of that State, and of the country, generally, had trampled it down.

Mr. DIXON inquired whether he (Mr. FERRY) denied that the State of Connecticut is an independent republic?

Mr. FERRY—I do most emphatically.

Mr. DIXON—Let us see whether the doctrine is so very unfashionable. Let my politician's after thought.' The State of Connecticut provided in her State Constitution that her electors, before voting, shall each take such an oath as shall be prescribed by law; and a part of the oath prescribed is in these words: "You, A B, do solemnly swear that you will be true and faithful to the State of Connecticut and to the Constitution and Government thereof as a free and independent State?" I took that oath, and the Senator took it, but he seems to have forgotten it.

Mr. SUMNER—What is the date of that Constitution?

Mr. DIXON—Eighteen hundred and eighteen.

Mr. FERRY—My colleague refers to the ordinary official oath taken by the citizens of Connecticut, in which the relations of Connecticut as a State to the Republic of the United States are not specially indicated, and in which it is clearly made known to whomever takes the oath, that the United States is the only independent one in any appropriate sense of the word.

Mr. DIXON—What did my colleague mean when he swore that Connecticut was a free and independent State?

Mr. FERRY—My colleague makes a mistake about our official oath; neither I nor he ever swore that the State of Connecticut was a free and independent State, but swore to be faithful to the Constitution of Connecticut and to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. DIXON—I ask the Senator now, whether Connecticut is a free and independent State?

Mr. FERRY—In the sense of the words as used by my colleague, I say, emphatically, the State of Connecticut is not and has never been since the adoption of the Constitution of the United States a free and independent Republic, because its independence is limited by all the provisions of the Constitution of the United States which control the exercise of the functions of sovereignty.

Mr. DIXON in support of his views of the State independence, and to show that it was not new, quoted from the Constitution of Massachusetts, Adopted in 1780, the words: "The people of this commonwealth have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves, as a free, sovereign and independent State." He (Mr. FERRY) had his views as to the right of each State to enfranchise suffrage within its own borders, and said that Rev. Dr. BACON, of New-Haven, Conn., a prominent advocate of negro suffrage, took the same view. In answer to a satirical remark by Mr. DIXON about the extraordinary rapid progress of the Republican party, Mr. MORTON noted that whether anybody had changed the Democratic party with making any progress whatever since the beginning of the war.

Mr. DIXON replied that much as it might surprise the Senator, the accusation had been made. He had seen it charged in the newspapers that the Democratic Party of Connecticut had abandoned its old doctrine in regard to payments of bonds, and had declared in favor of paying them in gold. [Laughter.] This was the accusation, but he would not undertake to say the party was guilty. [Laughter.]

Mr. MORTON thought the party had made progress in another direction, as shown by the fact that neither his colleague, (Mr. HENDRICKS,) nor the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DIXON) had ventured to say a word in this debate against the amendment upon its merits, but had confined themselves to opposing the proposed mode of submitting it to ratification. He thanked those Senators for the measure of public opinion.

Mr. MORTON then briefly discussed the question of the best form of words in which to put the amendment. He objected to the form reported by the Judiciary Committee because it only provided "no citizen should be deprived of the right of vote on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude," leaving it still in the power of the States to disqualify for other causes. He liked better the form submitted by Mr. HOWARD yesterday as an amendment, providing that "citizens of the United States of African descent shall have the same right to vote and hold office as other citizens; but this, too, was open to objection, because the States might establish an educational test which, while it disqualified some white men, would disqualify most of the blacks. He preferred, therefore, an affirmative amendment declaring who shall have the right of suffrage, making it uniform, and leaving nothing on the subject open to forced construction or to the construction of any State.

Mr. WARNER read an argument in favor of an affirmative amendment.

The Senate then took up and passed the bill to provide for the expenses of the Patent Office for January and February, 1869.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment, upon which he will speak to-morrow:

Congress shall have power to abolish or modify any restriction of the right to vote or to hold office prescribed by the Constitution or laws of any State.

Then, at 4:30 the Senate took a recess until 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

A few private bills of no public interest were taken up and passed.

RAILROAD LANDS.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the Senate took up the bill to amend an act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the United Pacific Railroad in California to Portland, Oregon.

Mess. WILLIAMS and CORBETT advocated it, and Mr. CONKLING opposed it.

The bill was recommitted.

THE ST. LOUIS ARSENAL.

On motion of Mr. DRAKE, the bill amendatory of the act to provide for the sale of the arsenal grounds at St. Louis was taken up and passed.

LAND APPROPRIATIONS.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the bill to legalize certain land appropriations and agricultural scrip was taken up.

Mr. CONKLING offered an amendment, providing that the act shall not be construed to affect the location of scrip issued prior to its approval, and that all such scrip shall be received from acts, conditions on the payment of the preemption claims.

Mr. RAMSEY opposed the amendment.

Mr. WARNER advocated it, because it would add thirty per cent. to the value of the agricultural scrip of the Southern States, and would thereby aid the cause of education.

Mr. POMEROY moved to strike out the second clause of Mr. CONKLING's amendment.

The bill was discussed briefly by several Senators, after which the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. CAMERON, the Senate, at 10 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After the reading of the JOURNAL, the Sergeant-at-Arms appeared at the bar of the House with HENRY JOHNSON in his custody, the recusant witness committed yesterday for his keeping.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on New-York Election Frauds, stated that the witness had appeared before the Committee and testified, and that there seemed to have been a misunderstanding between the witness and the other, who had served the subpœna as to the material which the Committee had been sitting in New-York. Under these circumstances he offered a resolution that HENRY JOHNSON be discharged from custody.

Mr. BROOKS asked why not say honorably discharged?

Mr. LAWRENCE supposed that that was unnecessary.

Mr. BROOKS thought that it was unnecessary after passing sentence upon the man, and bringing him to the bar of the House.

Mr. WOODWARD remarked that the only effect of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LAWRENCE) resolution was to admit the truth of the witness yesterday, as to his having obeyed the summons, and been the discharged recommendation of a free man for twenty-four hours.

Mr. ROBINSON made the point of order, that the word disgraceful, used by Mr. WOODWARD, had no relation to order in the House.

The Speaker sustained the point of order. The witness had been incarcerated by order of the House and it was not proper for a gentleman to assume the contrary. The phrase was disgraceful. Mr. WOODWARD modified the expression, but the Speaker ruled the modification was strictly correct.

Mr. BROOKS—The Chair, however, decides otherwise.

Mr. WOODWARD—The House was led to its decision by the gentleman from Ohio relinquishing to the House the consideration of the resolution of the Committee of Mr. CAMERON, the Senate, at 10 o'clock, adjourned.

The Speaker—As the Chair views this question from a parliamentary, not a judicial standpoint, the Chair cannot see how disgraceful act has been committed.

Mr. WOODWARD—If I used the word I withdrew it. I now, however, find that the gentleman from Ohio had accepted the statement made yesterday, the House would not have done the very service, act of committing the citizen. I think an apology is due him by the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. LAWRENCE said he had no apology to make. After some further discussion a motion was agreed to, and HENRY JOHNSON was discharged from custody.

The Sergeant-at-Arms next presented to the bar the other recusant witness, Hammond Scannell.

Mr. LAWRENCE offered a resolution for the discharge of SCANNELL from custody, on payment of the costs of arrest.

Mr. ROSS asked the Chairman of the Committee whether he was not willing to let the witness off without payment of costs. He understood that the reason why the witness had refused to answer was because his answer would criminate a leading Republican in the City of New-York. Mr. LAWRENCE, in reply, said, he hoped the witness would be let off.

Mr. LAWRENCE said he had no choice as to what the House should do in the case. He had always supposed that this was the usual mode of proceeding. He thought it due to the dignity of the House that the contempt committed upon it should be visited on this witness.

Mr. KEYES thought that the witness should be discharged without payment of costs. He was a poor man, and he would have to get home the money he earned, or he would not be paid for his attendance at a cost of $10. He would therefore be sufficiently punished without being compelled to pay the costs of his arrest. He moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "on payment of the costs of his arrest."

Mr. WOODWARD inquired of the Speaker what would be done with the witness if he proved unable to pay the cost of his arrest; was he to remain in custody?

The Speaker said he could not answer that question as it was not a parliamentary question.

Mr. FARNSWORTH proposed that the member who had moved that the witness was should pay the fees.

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TONNAGE DUTIES.

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THE TAX BILL.

Mr. SCHENCK said he was instructed by the Committee of Ways and Means to propose that there be no action to-night on the Tax bill, as the whisky and tobacco amendments were not yet printed, and the Committee wanted to revise them, but that the evening session should be held for general debate.

Mr. WOODWARD inquired whether Mr. SCHENCK was serious in desiring final action on the bill at this session, in view of the fact, which he believed was generally understood by both Houses, that the Senate could not possibly take it up and act upon it.

Mr. SCHENCK replied that he was very serious about it. The proposition for an evening session for general debate was agreed to.

Mr. MOORHEAD wanted to have the tariff taken up this evening, but objection was made.

DESTRUCTION OF TAX LISTS.

Mr. SCHENCK, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the joint resolution introduced by Mr. THOMAS, authorizing an allowance and credit to FRED SCHLEY, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Maryland, of the amount of uncollected tax as he might show to have been uncollected by reason of the destruction of his tax lists and accounts by rebel forces during the recent rebellion. After explanation the bill was passed.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole to the Indian Appropriation bill were then taken up and acted on by the House.

Mr. GARFIELD moved to recommit the bill with instructions to report back an additional section transferring the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

On a point of order, made by Mr. WINDOM, the motion to recommit was ruled out of order.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, desired the House to understand that the bill now under consideration would not pay the Indian expenditures for any single year. The system were carried forward which the Peace Commission had begun and which was now in process of execution. That plan would cost from six to seven million dollars a year.

Mr. GARFIELD took occasion to denounce the Indian Bureau as the most thoroughly corrupt than any other branch of administration that he had ever heard of. The very nature of that service was one which allowed all the baser and more corrupt passions to influence and develop themselves. He declared that he never would vote for appropriations of money that were to flow through the unclean channels of the Indian Bureau.

Mr. WINDOM replied to the remarks of Mr. GARFIELD, and asked him why, if the Indian Bureau service were so corrupting as the gentleman from Ohio had stated, he was so anxious to turn it over to his friends at the War Department. If the Chairman of the Military Committee (Mr. GARFIELD) would look after the stealings of military men in the commutation of fuel, quarters, &c., he would find that more money was stolen every year actually stolen, than there was appropriated for the whole Indian service of the country. He was willing to defend the Indian service; he had sustained it on various occasions to prevent this corruption, and had brought in a measure which would have prevented it, but the gentleman from Ohio had fought it, as he always did, with his transfer to the War Department as a cure for the evil.

Mr. CLARKE, of Kansas, a member of the Committee on Indian Affairs, said that he agreed in the main with the proposition of the gentleman from Ohio, (Mr. GARFIELD,) and disagreed with the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He agreed that the present bill should not pass, if for no other reason than the abuse of the treaty-making power.

The Speaker interrupted, and said it was clearly out of order to reflect upon the official conduct of a coordinate branch of the Government.

Mr. CLARKE said he would take that back. He went on to argue, however, against the corrupt system of Indian treaties, and against the passage of the bill.

Mr. PRUYN said that he was in favor of some change in the Indian system. How was it that the Quakers and the Catholic Indian Bureau got on so well with the Indians? How was it that the Roman Catholic Priest (Father De Smet) had more influence with the Indian tribes on this Continent than any other man living?

Mr. ROSS said he answered the question himself. It was because the Quakers and the Catholic priests when they made a bargain with the Indians kept it, and the Government did not. Mr. PRUYN said he was glad to hear that answer. It showed that the whole Indian system was wrong; and that a different system must be tried. He was willing that the Interior Department should be tried, as well as any other, whether its vigor, its efficiency and its ability to deal with its subordinates would not at least improve the service. If retribution from Heaven were visited upon man for his sins here, it would be visited upon the Indians for the sins of the sins against the unoffending Indians, unless the course was changed and the Indians were hereafter dealt with honestly, faithfully, and in the true spirit of Christianity and civilization.

Mr. HOLBROOK, the delegate from Idaho, here took occasion to read from Mr. BUTLER, preceded to discuss the Indian question, in the course of his remarks used these words: "In the American having charge of this bill say it is silence the delegate from by raising points of order and making assertions which, in many as the case has made them to be unpalatably false."

The Speaker interrupted and called the delegate to order.

Mr. BENJAMIN asked that the offensive words be taken down.

Mr. BUTLER remarked that he had not heard what was said.

Mr. HOLBROOK was beginning to repeat the offensive language, when

The Speaker again interrupted him and said it would be improper for him to repeat it. The objectionable words having been written by the reporter and read by the Clerk.

The Speaker in a severe tone said, the Chair rules these words to be out of order, both as being unparliamentary and indecorous. When a gentleman declares that a member has stated on the floor of the House what he knew to be unpalatably false, he pass the most insulting language that can be uttered on the floor of a parliamentary body.

Mr. HOLBROOK—I ought to make some remark, when Mr. BENJAMIN, interrupting him, said he objected to the delegate proceeding until his remarks were taken.

Mr. HOLBROOK—I do not propose to retract one word of what I have said.

The SPEAKER—The delegate from Idaho refuses to retract his words.

Mr. HOLBROOK—Does the Chair rule?

The SPEAKER—The Chair has stated that the remarks of the gentleman were not only unparliamentary, but were as insulting as could be made on the floor of this House.

Mr. HOLBROOK—I desire to ask a question.

The SPEAKER—The Chair can hold no debate with the gentleman.

Mr. CHANDLER appealed from the decision of the Chair, as being contrary to a decision which he had made before, in reference to language used by Mr. BLAINE.

The SPEAKER—The Chair can hold no debate with the gentleman.

The question being put on the appeal, the Speaker was sustained by a vote of 80 to 50.

Mr. HOLBROOK—I withdraw the appeal.

Mr. BENJAMIN called any following remarks of Mr. HOLBROOK, in the nature of a personal explanation, and the Speaker ruled that he could not, in such a case, address the House. The gentleman from Idaho (Mr. HOLBROOK) was then seen at the bar of the House.

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The National Steamship Company of Delaware.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In reply to the letter signed "Navigator," which appears in the TIMES of this date, I beg permission to state that the Steamship bill, which he criticised and condemned in the letter which you did me the favor to publish on Saturday last, is Senate bill No. 857. The title and opening section of the bill are thus stated in the official copy of the bill, from which the extracts embodied in my letter were cut:

In the Senate of the United States, Jan. 19, 1869. Mr. CONKLING asked and by unanimous consent obtained leave to bring in the following bill, which was read twice, referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed:

A bill to provide for A line of United States mail steamships for the conveying of mails from the great seaport towns of New-York and Boston to Liverpool, by the Secretary of the Navy, under direct authority of Congress, and through the Steamship Company, whose directors and officers are Rufus Hagelin, President; George K. Otis, secretary; John G. Dale, D. P. G. Whipple, George Lane Berry, Peter Lorillard, Jr., Oliver Ames, Oliver A. Pleasonton, G. Goddard, Treasurer, a corporation of Delaware, on the express condition that the Secretary of the Navy shall charge, pay, and collect from the United States, monthly or quarterly, the cost of the port of New-York and the ports of Boston, respectively, in accordance with the terms of the contract, on file in the Navy Department, for the mail to be carried between New-York and Liverpool, and that Government bonds are in such case, hereby made to become New-York Steamship Company's security, and shall be so considered in the letter of the contract, and shall be so in the Secretary's discretion, shall be equivalent to the mail contract, which shall be in force and effect, and be binding upon the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy, and the said New-York Steamship Company, and shall be so in

knocked out some of the old man's teeth. The jury, in the case of JAMES BARNES, said that they had convicted and found guilty, and had been convicted after trial, he should not give him the lightest sentence which his offence would allow him to life, but having regard to his good character, his severity of the crime and the age of his victim, prescribed eighty years at hard labor in the State Prison.

Charles Mooney and Henry Brown, convicted jointly of a charge of grand larceny. The first was sentenced to five years' imprisonment; his companion was recommended to give him an opportunity to show that he is reformed.

James Devine, James Edwards and Andrew Wheeler pleaded guilty of burglary in the third degree, and were each sentenced to imprisonment for two years and six months.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder J. K. Rodman.

One trial occupied most of the time in the Court of General Sessions yesterday. Four pleas of guilty were received, and five sentences were pronounced. The Assistant District-Attorney, Robert G. Hawkins, Esq., carried out the policy and principle of prosecuting crimes and criminals with more zeal in the punishment of several desperate and dangerous criminals.

SALE OF ARSENIC ACQUITTED.

The trial of Charles Ken Mitchell, indicted with Thomas Passmore, for burglary, was resumed. Mrs. Brayton, the wife of the complainant, was recalled on the part of the defendant, and in the cross-examination she said she identified the prisoner as the man who committed the robbery, and said she identified the prisoner on the day of the robbery, at the Westmoreland Hotel, where he was in custody. Passmore had a room in the hotel on the day of the robbery, but he was not seen at any robbery being committed since the burglary at Mr. Brayton's room. There was considerable cross-examining of the witness as to the locality of the room and the occupation of the prisoner. Mr. Roberts, the proprietor of the Westmoreland Hotel, was called, gave evidence, and a second time, and refreshed his former statements in relation to the fact that the room did belong to Passmore, and that he had not since the burglary, either said or intimated that he suspected Passmore of the robbery. Officer Jackson was recalled, and stated that about one dollar only was found on the person of Passmore. The case rested for the prosecution.

The counsel for the prisoner argued the identity of the person, and urged emphatically that the identity was mistaken, and that the search of the time of the first of January was not the same that had taken place on the day of the robbery. He also dwelt on the improbability that the prisoner, if he did rob Mrs. Brayton, would be so careless as to prove the guilt of the offence. He detailed his action in entering a solid alibi in Passmore's case, proving that he had passed upon the street. He reviewed the testimony of Passmore, showing that the fact that a 20D note was found in his possession was explained by the fact of the prisoner's having received it from his father. He also said that the prisoner was the person who could have entered the room, if any one could have entered the room without the knowledge of the occupant, and that this only was possible to account for the robbery, and yet he was not charged with it. Mr. Hutchings stated that he believed it would be a great injustice, should other prisoners be tried in the same way which Passmore had been.

The Recorder, in charging the Jury, said they should carefully consider all of the testimony, which he referred with elegant precision, and that they should, if the case stated, acquit, if they thought the prisoner was guilty, and convict, if they thought the prisoner was innocent.

The Jury retired, and returned in about 20 M. At 4 P. M. they came in, having agreed upon a verdict of guilty.

Mr. Hutchings stated that he had no doubt of the propriety of the verdict, and that it was the duty of the Court, under the law, which would be for years at hard labor in the State Prison.

SENTENCE OF THE SUPREME-COURT TRIMS.

Sergeant Bayne, other than of Forgery, also Edward Ward, Thomas Fletcher, Peter Cotter, Thomas Ward, had been convicted of Petit-Larceny, were brought before the Recorder, and, being asked if they had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon them, pleaded guilty to such accusation.

Ward said he had been convicted twice before, and had served two years in the Penitentiary, and thought he should be entitled to be treated with more leniency than he had received. As the prisoner had been convicted of Petit-Larceny, he thought the Court would be justified in sentencing him to the County Jail, or a shorter sentence in the County Penitentiary.

The Recorder, in passing sentence, reviewed the history of Ward's case, and said he had been convicted of Petit-Larceny, and had served a term in the State Prison.

OPENING OF AN ARSON TRIAL.

The case of Frederick Rodney, indicted for arson, was called, and on the part of the District-Attorney was read upon the trial, the indictment, which was read. The counsel for the prisoner objected, but his objection was overruled, and the trial was proceeding when the Court adjourned until Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, when the trial will be resumed.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 4, 1869.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R.	111⅛	21 Wes. U. T.	30⅞
10,000 U. S. 5-20s, C. '64	105⅛	50 do.	30⅞
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20,000 do.	105⅛	100 Quick. Min. Co.	3
20,000 do.	105⅛	200 Mariposa Pf.	30
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, C.	104⅝	100 do. bds. call	50
1,000 do.	104⅝	100 Pacific Mail	117
11,000 U. S. 5-20, C. '67	106⅝	200 do.	117⅛
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6,000 U. S. 6s, '67, C.	111	100 do.	117⅛
1,000 do.	111	100 Boston W. P.	11
1,000 N. Cen. Rd. s. w.	91⅛	100 Amer. M. U. Ex.	31
17,000 do.	91⅛	100 do.	31⅛
5,000 do.	91⅛	100 Mariposa	30
5,000 do. bds. call	91⅛	100 New-York Cent.	128
10,000 N. Cen. 6s, new	91	100 do.	128⅛
10,000 do.	91	200 Reading	93⅛
1,000 Mo. 6s, ex.	94	100 do.	93⅛
10,000 La. 6s, Ley. Bds	37	100 Mich. Central	91
1,000 Erie 6th M.	91	100 do.	91⅛
2,000 Ill. Cen. Bds	115	50 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	81⅛
5,000 C. & R. 1st, Mich. Div.	80	100 do.	81⅛
Cert'fs Bds	80	100 do.	81⅛
1,000 C. & R. 1st M. B.	82	200 Clev. & Pit.	91
1,000 C. R. I. & P. 7s	91	100 C. Cin. & Ind.	76
1,000 N. Cen. Cv. 6s, '74	87⅛	100 do.	76
1,000 N. W. Ext. 6s	87⅛	100 Chi. & St. Paul	30
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 6s	87⅛	100 Chi. & N. W.	78⅛
1,000 T. & W. Sinking 6	87⅛	100 T. & W.	48
1,000 C. & I. C. Con. 6s	87⅛	100 Morris & Essex	97
14,000 C. & I. C. Sinking 6s	87⅛	100 Cleve. & P.	86
2,000 M. & St. P. 6s, 1st	100	100 Alt. & T. H. Pf.	40
5,000 C. C. & I. C. Bds	75	100 do.	40
1,000 do.	75	100 do.	40
1,000 do.	75	100 Ohio & Miss.	19
1,000 Tol. P. & W. 1st East Div.	90	100 do.	19
4,000 St. Louis A. & M.	80	200 H. & St. Jo. Pref.	70
15 nat. Mech. Bank	84	100 do.	70
3 Fourth Nat. Bank	125⅛	100 do.	70
10 Ex of Commerce	122	100 C. Col. & I. C.	4
2 Mechanics' Bank	127	100 do. bds. call	50
100 Sandy Creek Ex.	12	200 Lake Shore	91⅛
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SECOND BOARD—12 P. M.

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5,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '64	105⅛	5,000 U. S. 6s, 1881 C.	111
20,000 do.	105⅛	100,000 do.	111
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OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100 Canton Co.	60⅛	100 Ohio & Miss.	20⅛
100 Pacific Mail	116	100 do.	20⅛
100 do.	117⅛	100 Mich. Cen.	91⅛
100 do.	117⅛	100 do.	91⅛
100 do.	117⅛	100 Pittsburg	91⅛
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LA PERICHOLE. Characters by Mlle. Irma, Mlle. Rose, Mlle. Thude, A. Anier, M. Leder, M. Edgard, M. Grollon, M. Hamilton, and others.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner of 6th-av.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Mark Smith, James Adams, J. H. Hind, Monroe, Norris, Mrs. Mary McVicker, Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Proctor, and others.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
24th-st., near 4th-av.
BRITTER LATE THAN NEVER, and THE DRAMATIC REVIEW FOR 1868. Characters by Messrs. John Brougham, Geoffery, Hale, Lamb, Edmondes, Miss Newton, Mrs. W. Winter, Miss Fisher, and others.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Gilbert, Fisher, Stoddart, Harold, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. Chas. Jamieson, Miss Annie Ward and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
FORTY THIEVES; OR, STRIKING OIL IN FAMILY JARS. Characters by Misses Lydia Thompson, Weber, Markham, Gratten, Mr. Beckett and others.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
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HUMPTY DUMPTY. Characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox, Mr. S. Levy, Mr. G. H. Fox, Mlle. Laurent, Mrs. D. Kennedy, Miss E. Morrison, Mr. Stevens and others.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
FLEUR DE THE. Characters by Mesdames Doche, Mlle. Marcelli, Mesdes. Cervet, Ledoux, Dudlaux, Denis, Petit and others.

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FIAUTO, and COMIC SKETCHES and LIVING STATUARY. Characters by Mr. W. H. Lingard, Miss Alice Dunning Norman, Lingard, Lewis and others.

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RICHELIEU. Leading character by Mr. McKean Buchanan and Miss Virginia Buchanan.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Bands of Carlists have appeared at Catalonia, Spain, and are seeking to stir up a revolution against the Provisional Government. The journals of Madrid urge the Government to take active measures to prevent civil war, and appeal to the people to unite against the Reactionary Party.

The appeal in the case of CORRIZO, the Fenian prisoner, has been denied.

It is now reported that Greece has acceded to the Peace Conference protocol.

CONGRESS.

The morning hour in the Senate yesterday was mostly consumed in debate upon the bill relating to the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed suffrage amendment to the Constitution was then taken up, and a lengthy debate ensued upon the several amendments offered. Mr. WILLIAMS offered an amendment upon which he will speak to-day. The Senate then took a recess till evening. At the evening session several private bills were passed. The Oregon Pacific Railroad bill was reconsidered, and the bill providing for the sale of the Arsenal grounds at St. Louis was passed. Debate ensued on the bill to legalize certain land appropriations, but without disposing of it the Senate adjourned.

The House consumed considerable time yesterday in disposing of the case of HENRY JOHNSON and FLORENCE SOARDEL, the two witnesses who refused to testify before the Committee investigating the New-York election frauds. It was stated that Mr. JOHNSON's arrest was in consequence of a misunderstanding, and he was discharged. Mr. SOARDEL having answered the questions of the Committee, a motion was made to release him on payment of costs. After some debate the motion was agreed to, and the Sergeant-at-Arms release Mr. SOARDEL in custody till he pays the costs of his arrest. The amendments made in Committee of the Whole to the Indian Appropriation bill were then acted upon. During the debate Mr. HOLBROOK, delegate from Idaho, said that Mr. BUTLER had used language "which he knew to be unqualifiedly false." The Speaker immediately called him to order, and the offensive language having been taken down a resolution of censure was passed without a division. The Sergeant-at-Arms then brought Mr. HOLBROOK to the bar of the House, and the Speaker administered to him the censure called for by the resolution. The discussion of the Indian Appropriation bill was then resumed, and it was finally passed. Messrs. WILSON and FARNSWORTH were appointed tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral vote for President and Vice-President. Debate was resumed on the Air-Line Railroad bill, and at its conclusion its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday. The Senate joint resolution to amend the stationery contract with DERBY & CODDING was agreed to; also the Senate bill to prohibit the coolie trade. The House then took a recess until evening. At the evening session Mr. ELA spoke on the finances and currency; Mr. HARPER on the disposition of the public lands; Mr. WHELAN discussed the financial question; Mr. SCHENCK advocated the Union Pacific Railroad, and Mr. KELLY criticised the report of Mr. WELLS, Director Revenue Commissioner. The Homestead bill passed.

GENERAL.

Several persons were seriously injured on Wednesday night by the falling of the roof of St. Patrick's Hall, in Montreal, Canada. A concert and ball were in progress at the time, and about 4000 people were present. Some one who saw the danger raised the alarm, and the crowd rushed for the door, but some were unable to escape before the roof came crashing down upon them. It is thought no one was killed.

The Maine House of Representatives, after an animated discussion, yesterday refused by a majority of four to pass an act allowing parties to fix any rate of interest they might agree upon as a legal rate.

We print in another column a highly interesting letter from our Cuban correspondent, dated Jan. 29. The letter contains ample details of the disturbances in the City of Havana, the Bullfight at the Villanueva Theatre and at the Louvre, and illustrates the not exaggerated means of humanity under which the American residents of the Isle, according to our telegrams, have long been suffering.

In the Georgia Senate yesterday a proposition to restore the expelled colored members to their seats was denied a hearing. In the House a resolution to submit to the Courts the question of eligibility of colored members was agreed to.

GEORGE JONES, indicted for committing a burglary on the house of Dr. BEACH, of Bond-street, was sentenced to the State Prison yesterday for twenty years. The prisoner fainted on hearing his sentence. The hackney-coat thief, FRANCIS BOYLE, who was tried for shooting at Officer MALONEY, who arrested him, was sentenced to forty years in the State Prison.

Mr. E. L. SANDERSON, of Brooklyn, yesterday obtained a verdict of $5,000 damages against the Sunday Mercury for libel.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopting resolutions appointing a committee to examine the projects for erecting a suspension bridge over the East River.

WARD's celebrated statue of the Indian Hunter, has been purchased by a number of wealthy gentlemen of this City and presented to the Central Park.

Collector GALLAHAN, of the Ninth District, and JOHN DEMING, were yesterday arrested, and held in bonds of $10,000, charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government.

The great annual masked ball of the Arion Society took place last night at the Academy of Music, with the usual splendor and vivid enjoyment.

Rev. JOHN J. BROOKER was installed pastor of the North Baptist Church last evening.

M. DU CHAILLU lectured before the Geographical Society last evening on Equatorial Africa.

The Assembly Committee on Contested Elections, which has been sitting for some days at the Metropolitan Hotel, set yesterday at the Marjorie Harbor, Staten Island. It will resume its sittings at the Metropolitan Hotel this morning.

The aggregate of Internal Revenue tax collections in this City for the six months ending January 1, 1869, is $10,291,207 46. In the Thirty-second District the collections amounted to nearly $4,000,000.

Cotton was fairly active yesterday at a further advance of ¼c. @ ⅜c., but closed dull and weak. Flour and Wheat were moderately inquired for at about previous figures. Corn was lower and Oats were firmer on a moderate business. Provisions attracted less attention; Lard declined slightly. The grocery trade was restricted. Dry Goods were in quick request, both at auction and in private trade, at firm and buoyant prices for desirable stock. The auction sales of the day passed off quite spiritedly. The freight market was dull.

The Connecticut Standard Applied to Congress.

The Republican Convention of Connecticut has reaffirmed in emphatic phrases features of the party policy which some of its servants at Washington seem in danger of forgetting. Recognizing the importance of pending financial and fiscal issues, the Convention administers a quiet rebuke to the railway jobbers and dogmatic currency doctors who daily thrust their schemes before the country. The resolution adopted on the subject declares it to be the duty of Congress to—

"First, formally affirm that when the national debt is paid it must be paid in gold, except where it is otherwise distinctly provided in the original contract; second, introduce the strictest economy into every branch of the Government; third, *refuse all subsidies and appropriations to railroad and other enterprises outside of the indispensable machinery of the Government*; fourth, see to it that the taxes are impartially levied, and energetically and honestly collected, and surplus revenues applied to the reduction of the debt; fifth, make it Government aim to resume specie payment and give the people a uniform and steady currency, *as soon as may be without a violent disturbance of business*; and sixth, *to remake taxation from labor and necessaries of life, and to impose it as far as possible upon articles of luxury.*"

In the main, these propositions are an echo of the Chicago platform, and there can be no doubt that they reflect the general current of public opinion. Does Congress respect or disregard them?

The idea of immediate resumption finds no favor among the people. They look upon it as an object to be kept in view in legislation affecting the currency or the debt, but they have no desire to precipitate it, or to deal with it irrespective of other considerations. They will be glad to have specie payments when they may be practicable; insisting, however, that they shall be deferred until their realization becomes possible "without a violent disturbance of business." This view we believe to be almost universal, and its application is fatal to plans like that of Mr. SHERMAN, who, in his haste to resume would embarrass business and increase taxation. The advantage to be gained is not worth the price which these legislative resumptionists are eager to pay for it. We hope to reach it by-and-by, in the natural order of things, and meanwhile deem it expedient to avoid causes of panic or distress, and to improve the public credit by refusing on any pretext to increase the interest-bearing debt. Measures for funding greenbacks and issuing more bonds are not calculated to amend the nation's credit; nor are the means indicated as preliminaries to resumption likely to increase confidence or smooth the paths of industry and trade.

What is wanted—as the Connecticut resolution truly says—is a distinct affirmation of the inviolability of the debt; and for this purpose the bill introduced by Mr. SCHENCK is sufficient. Its enactment would inspire confidence, while the effect of Mr. SHERMAN's bill would be to unsettle everything, and make matters infinitely worse than they are.

Another essential condition of improved credit is a firm refusal to augment the debt. The burden is heavy enough already. "The best policy to diminish the burden of debt"—the Convention that nominated Gen. GRANT asserted—"is so to improve our credit that capitalists will seek to lend us money at lower rates than we now pay." This cannot be so long as we continue to swell the principal of the debt. It is necessary, therefore, as the sensible men of Connecticut remark, to "refuse all subsidies and appropriations to railroad and other enterprises outside of the indispensable machinery of the Government." Among the tax-payers there is no second opinion on the subject. Their demand is that the subsidizing system be stopped. They have seen the shameless waste of money and land in connection with railroads in progress, and they call upon Congress to terminate a process which develops corruption and exposes the Treasury to bankruptcy.

Will the Senate heed the cry? The latest information is that the Committee on Pacific Railroads, in that body, has finally consented to subsidies in aid of other roads. Its members, or a majority of them, have agreed to disregard the wishes of the country, and to add very seriously to the yearly liabilities of the Government. Nobody imagines that this decision has been dictated by a desire to promote the public welfare. It is the result of intrigues and influences, of considerations and combinations, which should excite the unyielding opposition of all who would have a reputation for clean hands. If the Senate lack firmness to stamp out the scheme, and frustrate the tricks of the lobbyists and speculators by whom it is promoted, at least the House may be relied upon, we hope, to interpose its power. The thing is too scandalous to be encouraged in any way.

The final clause of the resolution has a certain significance for the advocates of oppressive Customs' duties. Connecticut is more in harmony with Mr. WELLS than with the monopolists. His plan is identical with that of the New-Haven Convention. It is, in the words of the latter, "to remove taxation from labor and necessaries of life, and to impose it as far as possible upon articles of luxury." The principle is as sound as it is beneficent. It has no affinity with the policy that would make a heavy tariff still more burdensome, and in all changes would care more for limited and favored interests than for the comfort and prosperity of the people. In the position affirmed by the Connecticut Republicans, there is nothing incompatible with that moderate and just protection which results incidentally from the requirements of revenue. There is simply an aversion to the greed of classes which clamor continually for special advantages, and in the pursuit of excessive gains are indifferent to the real interests of labor.

The Reduction of the Army.

It is agreed on all hands that a reduction of the army is both practicable and desirable; and yet, in the multiplicity of *methods* of reduction, it begins to be somewhat questionable whether some of the various plans will not so counteract as to give us no immediate reduction at all.

Congress, meanwhile, has unquestionably gone to work in the right way by taking the opinions of sound and able officers of intelligence, candor and experience. The remedy proposed by nearly all these officers is *consolidation*—consolidation of all sorts, from companies in the field up to bureaus in Washington; and Secretary SCHOFIELD capped the climax by suggesting the consolidation of the War and Navy Departments under one head.

Now, the important and hopeful feature in this theory of "consolidation" is that it reduces expenses in the *most expensive* part of the military establishment—namely, among officers. You must discharge a great many private soldiers before you equal the saving made by mustering out one officer. You can do far with a Major-General's pay and allowances the wages of a great many soldiers. Hence, we say, the striking feature of the plans proposed of late by officers for reducing the army is this wholesale slaughter among departmental bureaus where so much mere clerkly work is done by those who have the rank and pay of high commissioned officers.

And yet, the moment that a proposition is broached to carry "consolidation" into practical effect, it arouses hostility. For example, Mr. WILSON's bill proposes to reduce the infantry regiments to thirty, by consolidating such of them as may at any time fall below a certain fixed mark of regimental strength, from the natural causes of depletion. This proposition calls out opposition on the ground that it "destroys the identity of regiments" and "blots out their record." But, after all, you must either do that or blot out *some* regiments altogether. You cannot have your cake and eat it. And we venture to say that this mode of reduction would be more acceptable in general than the rude turning out of their profession of officers whose only crime is that they are de trop.

Many of the new regiments are officered by men once connected with old ones, and promoted to their new commands for special gallantry in the war. What will you do with them? Turn them out altogether? Set them adrift, with no profession? It seems to us that Mr. WILSON's proposition is much more just in making the reduction less sudden, and providing vacancies for officers whom we raised to their places only the other day. The fact is, that we treat the army officers rather cavalierly, in thus constantly expanding and contracting the army by legislation, each time snapping off official heads by the score in the process. It was we who appointed them to their present commands, mainly as rewards for service, and we should, therefore, make our economies do as little injustice as possible to them. It is worse than perpetually giving medals for service and then taking them away again for a whim; because it is *occupations* that we are dealing with.

It is also clear that in any system of reorganization, some sacrifice of the constituent parts of corps must be made. But, by leaving details to the War Department—and, substantially, to Gen. GRANT—Mr. WILSON's bill provides that practical justice may be done. The right regiments will doubtless be consolidated, the right names, numbers and flags will remain. As it is, there is a perpetual ebb and flow of the rank and file in every regiment, whereby, though its traditions and honors remain, its actual members change. As for officers, their own promotions carry them from regiment to regiment.

Our purpose, however, is not specially to commend Senator WILSON's bill as the best possible method of reduction. On the contrary, we think that in connection with it, some peremptory reduction could be effected. We only wished to show that it is hopeless to wait for a plan to which no possible objection could be raised.

How to Keep Steamers from Sinking.

The loss of the *Hibernia* developed another vulnerable point in steamships—the admission of water through the stern tube, by the breaking of the screw shaft. Although such an accident is not likely to occur often, it shows that even bulkheads may sometimes be inadequate, and that a reasonable assurance of safety involves not only means of *keeping* water out, but means of pumping it out.

In every ocean steamer that has gone to the bottom—the *Arctic, Pacific, Connaught, Hibernia*, and a score besides from our own ports—there has been, at the very time of the disaster, straining noiselessly within their bollers, the power of three thousand to five thousand horses—a power sufficient to clear the ship of water, though you might drive a coach and six through the hole—a power adequate, ample and ready at hand, but utterly wasted *for the want of means through which to act*. And there are several well-tested devices to which the whole boiler power of the ship might be applied. The centrifugal pump is undoubtedly the most efficient, but pumps and engines enough to work up 3,000-horse power would cost twenty or thirty thousand dollars—if that is an insuperable objection—and all this machinery, being generally out of use, might not be in running order when wanted. A correspondent of the London *Times* has made a new suggestion, which has been favorably received by the engineering Press. It is to apply a direct steam jet to the lifting of the water, as it is now applied to the lifting of ashes from the hold. The apparatus is simply an annular jet of steam round a 6-inch pipe, which creats a vacuum and raises the water. Each apparatus takes up no more room than a stove-pipe, and enough of them to utilize the whole boiler power might be placed all round the sides of the vessel. Two hundred of them could be worked, and would discharge 1,000 cubic yards, or some 800 tons of water per minute. Three thousand-horse power, fully utilized, would lift above 2,000 tons of water 20 feet high per minute. To start the apparatus mentioned, it would only be necessary to *turn a cock*—it is always ready. This improvement should be taken in hand at once.

Turkey and Montenegro—Fresh Trouble in the East.

Although pacific counsels are said to have prevailed at Athens at the last moment, it looks very much as if the Hellenic Government had been secretly taking measures for smiting Turkey under the fifth rib, had not the Great Powers intervened to prevent the outbreak of hostilities. Without any previous intimation that trouble was brewing in that quarter, we are suddenly informed by cable that a sanguinary engagement has taken place between the Turks and Montenegrins at a point on the frontier of Montenegro and the Turkish province of Herzegovina. In the absence of further details, we can only presume that the affair grew out of either a deliberate invasion of Turkish territory by the Montenegrins, or an attempt on their part to foster insurrection in Herzegovina. In either case, taking into consideration the attitude maintained up to the present week by Greece, it is not easy to resist the conclusion that Greek influence has been at work, and had some share in producing so unexpected an outbreak. The Montenegrins have long fretted against the nominal suzerainty of the Porte, and their favorite means of causing annoyance and injury to Turkey has been by fomenting disturbances in the adjoining province of Herzegovina, still under direct Turkish rule. Every grown man in the principality of Monterego is a guerilla soldier, both by nature and training, never laying aside his arms and equipments, even while engaged in everyday pursuits of agriculture. Thanks to the mountainous and inaccessible nature of the whole country, they have more than once given the Turks a good deal of trouble, and in 1862 they were only thoroughly subdued after a regular campaign by OMAR PACHA at the head of 30,000 men. Slavic in race and Greek in creed, though until recently recognising their Vladika or Prince as the spiritual as well as the temporal head of the nation, they are among the first to whom Greece would turn as effective allies in harassing Turkey and spreading insurrectionary disturbances among the Slavic Christians in her European provinces. It is possible that the Turks may have thought that prevention was better than cure, and been the aggressors in the matter; but the more probable theory is that Prince NICOLAS, secretly instigated by Greece, has attempted to strike another blow against the obnoxious supremacy still claimed by Turkey. Had not he relied upon the attention of Turkey being distracted by a foreign war, he would have hardly taken so bold a step so soon after his thorough defeat of seven years ago. Should our supposition be correct, he will scarcely thank Greece for having led him into his present position and then left the field herself.

Whatever the origin of the affair, however, it strikingly illustrates the critical condition of the East of Europe. Even now, the insurrectionary movement may spread, until Greece finds both an excuse for recalling her acceptance of the recommendations of the Conference—if she really has accepted them—and an opportunity of striking a blow with effect. The chronic disaffection among the Christian inhabitants of European Turkey is as deep-rooted as ever, and in spite of the pacific assurance of Prince CHARLES, Roumania is rapidly becoming a vast magazine, firearms and ammunition of the most improved kinds being daily imported into the principality in large quantities. Diplomacy may have averted the danger in one form, but a wide-spread rising in Turkey would be fully as fruitful a source of danger in the future, and far less amenable to diplomatic treatment. It remains to be seen whether Prince NICOLAS will abandon the struggle, now that Greece has yielded, or decide upon fighting it out. If the engagement were really on the scale implied in the telegraphic account, we should be inclined to fear that too much blood had been spilled for a reconciliation to be practicable just yet, and in a district such as that in which the collision has occurred, fighting is only too certain to spread far beyond its original limits.

MINOR TOPICS.

A rigorous application of law against crime is the only means of its repression; and there is hope for the maintenance of public safety and order, now that the *Courts are trying the effect of prompt justice and severe sentences* upon the audacious criminals who have recently been raiding at their will upon the lives and property of our citizens. DOYLE, the "butcher-cart" operator, who was arrested on Monday night, pleaded guilty yesterday, on various charges, before Recorder HACKETT, and *was immediately sentenced to Sing Sing for forty years*. The prosecuting officer demanded that his punishment should be quick and severe, as a warning to those desperadoes who are now infesting the City. The burglar JONES, also, who was arrested a few days ago, was yesterday sentenced by Judge BARNARD to Sing Sing *for twenty years*. Three other burglars were yesterday sentenced by Recorder HACKETT to five years each in Sing Sing; and on the day previous two other equally just sentences were pronounced by the Recorder. In his charge to the Grand Jury on Tuesday, Recorder HACKETT said we had now a man in the Governor's chair (HOFFMAN) who was sure not to make much use of his power of pardoning criminals. So that now, at least, we may indulge the hope of having a good proportion of the wild beasts of society kept chained behind iron bars.

It is delightful to witness the growth of Congressional amenities. When Mr. WOODWARD yesterday, in referring to the New-York election frauds, spoke of the "disgraceful incarceration" of a witness by Congress, the Speaker compelled him to take back the word "disgraceful," as the Speaker did not see how a *disgraceful* act could be *properly* done by Congress. In making the point of order, Mr. ROBINSON reminded the House that the word disgraceful was a more severe expression than that for which he himself had been called to order the day before. Still another step was yesterday taken in behalf of the "dignity of the House," when Mr. HOLBROOK was brought before the bar in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and severely censured by the Speaker, for using insulting language toward Gen. BUTLER. In course of time we may actually see Congress behaving in such a manner as to command public respect.

A true bill for manslaughter was yesterday found by a Washington Grand Jury against a man who, without medical knowledge or skill, administered morphine to a woman with fatal effect. It would startle a good many of the quack doctors and illegal practitioners hereabouts to have a "true bill" of this nature found by a Grand Jury in New-York. It would also be an advantage to the public.

The method and audacity of our robbers and plunderers are things to wonder at. A day or two since one of a gang on the Hudson River Railroad called out and bid all the passengers in the car move on to the next, whereupon his friends, as the people hurried out, hustled and robbed them. We have had any number of other cases hardly less startling of late. We hope *all* the rogues in society will not break out, for if they do the honest men will have no chance at all against them.

The result of the Greco-Turkish Conference in Paris, is a justification of the Conference system, which NAPOLEON has advocated for the settlement of so many disputes within the last twenty years. Without the Conference there would certainly have been war between Turkey and Greece, and there can hardly be a doubt that the Great Powers would soon have been drawn into the quarrel. The Emperor very justly rejoices over the success of the Conference.

WARD's "Indian Hunter," an admirable bronze statue, of heroic size, by one of the foremost sculptors of modern times, has been purchased by a number of our wealthy citizens and presented to the Central Park, where it will be appropriately placed under the direction, we trust, of the artist himself. The correspondence on the subject shows an appreciation of a genuine work of art, which is eminently pleasing in such times as these. The donors, after referring to it as a "work so truly American in subject and so admirably executed by one of our native and most celebrated sculptors," say that "both in Europe and America it justly ranks among the best examples of the plastic art for its bold and vigorous treatment and its faithful delineation." The Comptroller of the Park, in accepting the gift, concurs in the highest estimate of the "ability shown by the distinguished artist in the conception and execution of this beautiful work," and offers the warmest thanks to the donors on behalf of all those who are now "afforded the opportunity to admire the exquisite proportions of this justly celebrated statue." These encomiums are well-merited, and will be concurred in by all connoisseurs. In presence of a collection of WARD's works, completed and designed, one of the finest critics of the day said that "nothing equal to them had been produced since the days of the Greeks."

No fillibusters have gone to Cuba from this country; and therefore there is no necessity for the French and English Governments taking steps (as suggested by the *Court Journal*) to prevent fillibustering. In discussing the question, the *Court Journal* says that if Spain should lose Cuba, as she is indeed, by unavoidable circumstances, to sell it, "then England and France would be seriously injured, and the total loss of their colonies in the West Indies would be only a mere question of time." It argues that by our acquiring Cuba, the "loss to England will be greater than to France, in consequence of the prospect that the shortest maximum way to the East Indies will ere long be by the opening of the channel through the Isthmus of Darien; and in case of a war with the United States, this route could easily be barred by them, if in possession of the prominent colonies in the West Indies, and thus masters of the sea there." This is certainly one of the strongest reasons we have yet seen for our acquiring a foothold in the West Indies; but we shall not attempt the acquisition by fillibustering.

The case of OSBORNE against the Union Ferry Company, with its origin in 1868, its adjournment decision against the plaintiff, the appeal and then the reversal, shows what a desperate thing it is to get damaged from any of the corporations for personal injury, and suggests that some sort of arbitration system should be adopted to meet such emergencies. As it is, the sufferer try to fleece the companies, and the latter try to shirk all responsibility, while the lawyers relotee in the long and harrassing contest, and foster the evil spirit of rapacity and injustice on both sides. That simple, commonsense plan of arbitration in all cases of difference, would prove one of the greatest blessings of modern society, and train people into the thoughts and habits of fairness and justice.

If the College of New-York would retain the respect and confidence of the public, and secure the highest benefit to the students for whose behoof it is maintained by the City, there must be great care to secure men of the highest character and attainments for the professional chairs. If the College authorities are able to find men who have demonstrated their qualifications and capacity, and whose works indicate the measure of their fitness, the credit of the College and the advantage of its students will be secured. In the filling of a chair, no considerations of any other kind, must be admitted, and on no account must considerations of this kind be ignored. For the vacant Professorship of Civil and Military Engineering, there is a candidate whose practical services in military engineering during the war, and whose testimonials of ability, cannot possibly be equaled by any other candidate that could be found; and we do not doubt that in the forthcoming election the Board of Trustees will be guided by the principles that in such cases are applicable.

As regards the Fenian prisoners in England, WARREN, COSTELLO, HALPIN and McCAFFREY, it is very probable they will be thrown in among the varied ingredients of the grand international cauldron or "hattle of fish" which our Ambassador to England has been for some time bringing to the point of projection with Lords STANLEY and CLARENDON. The poor fellows will find themselves strangely jumbled up with the islands of Juan de Fuca, and balanced in a bewildering way against the burnings of pirate SEMMES in the Mozambique Channel. But it will be the liberating ordeal, and they will yet be rejoiced over at the Cooper Institute, very likely. Their Fenian friends should pray for the success of Mr. JOHNSON's cookery.

Recorder HACKETT complains that the City is cut up into "little Police principalities, each jealous of the others," and that the Police are indisposed to give effectual help in "ferreting out testimony." On the other hand, the Police say the Judges are too apt to let the criminals go after the evidence has been ferretted out. It is a muddle of complaint and recrimination, such as is never heard in London, Paris or any of the Old World metropolises. On this subject it may be further remarked that the "Maher" phase of the Rogers murder did not show itself till after the Coroner and his men had "given it up." Most assuredly there is a great want of concerted management in our modes of carrying out the ends of justice, to the great comfort and encouragement of our Ishmaelites and freebooters.

The Police Report contains an excellent recommendation on the subject of the poor people who are in the habit of sleeping at the Station-houses, to the number of 90,000 or 100,000 persons in a twelvemonth. The report recommends some houses of better accommodation for such a purpose; and this is a matter on which the City authorities, or some humane civic society, should have acted before now. It is demoralising to bring the poor into places meant for criminals. Charity to poor persons should carry with it some moral influence, and this is a thing which cannot be expected in the Station-houses. The Police should be no longer burdened with the care of paupers—a piece of duty for which they were never intended, and for which they are not fitted. It is one of the singular disgraces of New-York that there are in it no decent refuges for poor people in temporary want of a night's lodging.

M. CHEVALIER, the Swiss aeronaut, has brought over to this country a monster balloon, with a bamb-built car, for the purpose of getting means to cross the Atlantic in the same. He believes the thing can be done, if he can only get up to a current of air rolling eastward with the globe itself at a height of eight or ten thousand feet. No doubt he would have come over in his balloon, if that current had been the other way. As it is, he relies upon it, and means to go up toward it. We hope he will not attempt to cross so large a tract of water without making sure of his "trade wind," so to speak, and do not feel any great sympathy for an enterprise in which a man, however courageous and skillful, must be carried at the mercy of every wind that blows, like a feather.

Nova Scotia has lowered the standard of "repeal," and will probably throw it aside very shortly, since Sir JOHN MACDONALD has agreed to bring in a bill reducing the Province debt from eleven millions, as fixed by the Constitution, to nine millions, and giving her an annual subsidy of about eighty thousand dollars for ten years. At the same time the Province House, which cost $250,000, is to be taken by the Dominion and allowed for. Under such circumstances our hopes of seeing that flourishing dependency rush into our federal circle within the present year or the next, have grown rather faint.

The Butler-Kilpatrick Match.

The "return match" in the "home and home" series between Gens. BUTLER and KILPATRICK is going on finely. The "innings" (to borrow a figure from cricket) at Lowell last Fall, ended in the bowling out of KILPATRICK, with a very small score. In the present Washington match, BUTLER first went to the bat, and it looked for a while as if his Chili friend would be also *bowled* out of his game, with neither honors nor profits. But now the latter has suddenly retrieved himself, so that we are already prepared to call him victor.

We speak thus metaphorically of the contest over the "consolidation of the South American Missions," (which, after being effected in the House, at BUTLER's instance, has just been undone again in the Senate, at KILPATRICK's instance,) because those gentlemen represent this to be "purely a personal matter." Or, rather, Gen. BUTLER takes the ground that he is proceeding from purely patriotic and Gen. KILPATRICK from purely personal motives, while Gen. KILPATRICK makes, curiously enough, exactly the same point against Gen. BUTLER. KILPATRICK says that BUTLER resolved last November to "crush KILPATRICK," and that "now the blow has come." If so, not only does KILPATRICK evidently have "claims on Chili" (probably on account of "the *Ti Digna*") but BUTLER as evidently admits that he has claims, or else he himself would not try to "crush KILPATRICK" in this particular way. BUTLER, we repeat, carried the House by a great majority, while KILPATRICK has carried the Senate by a majority equally great. Which of the two must yield? BUTLER defends his proposition on the highest of grounds—economy; and that is precisely the ground on which KILPATRICK defends his. Which is right? And is it a "national" or a "personal" matter, this union of the Chili and Peru Missions? Here is a fine chance for oil on the troubled waters—for a compromise between BUTLER and KILPATRICK, arranged by some mutual friend of both.

The Shipowners' Convention—An Issue and Elsewhere.

The resolutions of the Convention of Shipowners and Captains reported from Philadelphia and published in our issue of yesterday, have a certain clear ring, a sensible sound, and apparently inaugurate a practical policy. The object of the Convention as announced is not to fix the rates of pay of seamen, pilots, officers and others, but to remedy abuses to which shipowners have long submitted, because, as the Convention thinks, they have not been united in action to abolish them. Two of these abuses are mentioned in the resolutions; the others are not definitely stated; but there are many which can be named. We have before alluded to certain abuses in which American seamen and shipowners are alike deeply interested; and again call the attention of the latter to the same subject.

The American shipping interests have suffered terribly of late years at the hands of the British, as all who know anything about the *Alabama* claims are well aware. The same interests are suffering at the same hands in another way, and one which, to remedy, requires prompt and united action among American shipowners, captains and seamen. The English shipowners have provided themselves with an admirable set regulating their merchant marine, which is so perfect in its practical operation that the discipline among the crew of a British merchant vessel is as nearly complete as on a vessel of the Royal navy. It has now been in operation for fifteen years, and during that time it has resulted not only in abolishing the boarding and shipping masters who contaminated and then shipped drunken, riotous and incompetent men, just as the same class now do in this country, but it has driven all seamen without character from under the British flag. By its provisions no sailor can be shipped in England unless he can show an honorable discharge from his last ship, and this rule is strictly enforced, the shipowner being prevented from receiving on board his ship any sailor without the proper license of the Government shipping office. A full account of the operation of this law was given in the TIMES last week.

The result of the expulsion of every British seaman from the British merchant service for drunkenness, insubordination or incompetency, is that some American ship receives him. He goes to the nearest American shipping master in Liverpool or London, or wherever he may have been discharged in disgrace, and ships on the first American vessel which leaves port. In this way the American merchant marine has been filled up with the refuse of British ships. Shipping masters and boarding-house keepers in this country add to the numbers of bad seamen by inducing other British seamen to desert by the promise of higher wages and larger advances on American ships. These men are shipped without regard to character; and there are many ships which go out of our ports in charge of crews of mutinous rascals shipped at the dictation of those still greater rascals, the "land-sharks;" and the only wonder is that so few ships are seized by them or wrecked through their incompetency or drunkenness.

It is thus that the British law affects our shipping interests. The worst class of British seamen are forced upon us to endanger our shipping interests, disgrace the service, and keep down the wages of American seamen. In the event of a war these characters would soon be in the national navy—a consequence not to be anticipated without a shudder. The remedy, as we have frequently urged, is in the adoption of a law similar to that of England. If the Shipowners and Captains' Association will effect the passage of such an act of Congress it will remedy the greatest abuse of the American Merchant Service. In the securing of such an act, which, while preventing the American service from being a sort of penal colony for England's culprit sailors, will also abolish the landlords and shipping agents as now organised in this country, the sailors now on strike in this City can consistently join. And they will act wisely if they do so, and thoroughly agitate this subject while it is before the public, and while exertions in the same direction are being made by benevolent associations.

The Proposed Ocean Yacht Race.

We learn by the cable that Mr. ASHBURY, owner of the English yacht *Cambria*, has accepted the challenge of Mr. DOUGLASS to an ocean race between her and the *Sappho*. But we regret to find that Mr. ASHBURY has burdened his acceptance with conditions which, as it seems to us, would entirely deprive the proposed contest of all title to be termed either an "ocean race" or a fair trial of speed between an American yacht and an English yacht. It is true that but a few years ago a yacht race across the English Channel, from Spithead to Cherbourg, was known as an ocean race, in contradistinction to the usual in-shore races in the Solent or round the Isle of Wight. But ever since the exploits of the *Hornet*, *Fleetwing* and *Vesta*, a very different meaning has been attached to the words. And ever since the first suggestion of an international race between the *Sappho* and any English yacht willing to take up the challenge, it has been understood that it should take place over a *bona fide* ocean course—either across the Atlantic, or at least from Cowes to the Azores and back. But the course proposed by Mr. ASHBURY certainly cannot be called an ocean course. From Cowes round by Spithead, thence down the Channel as far as Eddystone Light-house, thence to Cherbourg, and home by the Solent to Cowes—why, the entire distance barely exceeds three hundred miles, and at no point of the course would the yachts be forty miles from a port. Mr. ASHBURY suggests this course as best adapted to fairly test the "sea-going qualities" of the yachts. Now their "sea-going qualities" would, undoubtedly be tested by a race over the course suggested, but we submit that the race to which all genuine yachtsmen on both sides have been looking forward to is one in which the speed of the craft and

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN.

Carlist Bands in Catalonia—Civil War Threatened.

MADRID, Thursday, Feb 4.

Bands of Carlists have made their appearance in Catalonia. They came from the Valley of Andorra, and seek to produce a rising against the Provisional Government. Troops have been sent out to disperse them.

The Press of this city, fearing a civil war, urge the Government to take active measures and the people to unite against the reactionary party.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Appeal in the Case of Cassella Denied.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 4.

The appeal recently made in the case of CORSELLO, the American citizen convicted of complicity in the Fenian revolt, has been denied.

CUBA.

Reported Surrender of Revolutionary Leaders—A General Amnesty.

HAVANA, Thursday, Feb. 4.

For several days a rumor has been current that the revolutionary Gens. CESPEDES and AGUILERA have surrendered to Count VALMASEDA, but the report proves untrue. No news has been received from the Eastern Department.

The journals of Havana have refrained for the past week from publishing news from the seat of war, and it appears as if there was a much withstanding zeal to inform the people as to the condition of affairs.

The *Diario* of to-day says that Gen. AUGUSTIN ARANGO, of the revolutionary forces, has been assassinated by his companions.

Indian Raids in Arizona Anticipated—Mining News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Thursday, Feb. 4.

Late Arizona advices have been received in this city. Friendly Indians state that the Apaches and Wallahays are preparing for vigorous raids on the roads leading from Prescott to the Colorado River. A military escort is still necessary for the mail carriers.

The news from the mining districts is good. Many persons are preparing to go to the Black Canyon diggings. The Hydraulic claims on Lynx Creek are being worked. The valleys of the Gila and Salt Rivers are rapidly filling with settlers from the Southern States. Thirteen families from Texas recently located in one valley.

The Central Pacific Railroad has been completed 110 miles east of Sacramento, 131 miles from the head of Salt Lake, leaving 240 miles of trans-continental road to be built. The track of the Central Pacific Road is being laid at the rate of from three to four miles a day.

The schooner *Loyal Tender*, hence Jan. 12 for the Behring Straits, has returned, having encountered one of the heaviest storms ever witnessed on the Pacific.

The steamer *Japan* sailed to-day for Hong Kong, via Yokohama, carrying 150 passengers and $480,000 in Treasure, $348,000 of which is for China and $132,000 for Japan.

Flour, $4 75@$6 75; for round lots for export a discount of from 12½@25c. is frequently made. Wheat—Choice shipping, $1 75. Legal tenders, 74⅞.

A Proposition to Reinstate the Georgia Colored Members of Legislature.

ATLANTA, Ga., Thursday, Feb. 4.

In the Senate to-day a motion to immediately recast the colored members was refused consideration, and a motion to send Messrs. BROWN, STEPHENS and PARROTT to Washington, as Commissioners, was withdrawn by the original mover. In the House a resolution to submit the eligibility of colored members to the Court was adopted; but a motion to instruct the Judiciary Committee to report a bill bringing the matter immediately before the Court was voted down. Another motion, pledging the House to abide by the decision of the Court, was ignored.

In the Senate, the resolution authorizing Messrs. BROWN, PARROTT and ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS to proceed to Washington and represent the true state of affairs to Congress, and ascertain what solution of the unfortunate difficulties can be had, which will be satisfactory to Congress and compatible with their duties as sworn Senators and Representatives, was withdrawn.

The House refused to refer the eligibility of negroes to the Judiciary Committee.

The question whether any additional legislation is necessary, in order to bring the question of negro eligibility before the Supreme Court now in session, was lost.

Fall of a Roof in Canada—Several Persons Injured.

MONTREAL, Canada, Thursday, Feb. 4.

While the concert and ball at St. Patrick's Hall were in progress last night, two thousand persons being present, a cry was raised shortly before midnight that the roof was giving way, causing intense excitement. All immediately rushed to the street, but while the last were getting out, the roof fell with a tremendous crash. Several persons were injured, but it is hoped none are killed.

SECOND DISPATCH.

MONTREAL, Thursday, Feb. 4.

A concert took place in St. Patrick's Hall last night which was attended by about two thousand persons. Near midnight cracking sounds were heard, and it became evident that the roof of the building was about to fall. Amid intense excitement a rush was made for the street, and every one, it is thought, escaped with their lives, a few, however, being badly injured. The roof fell in with a tremendous crash just as those in the rear were getting out. If the accident had occurred a few moments sooner, a terrible loss of life must have resulted. Eminent architects have been appointed to inquire into the cause of the accident.

Woman Suffrage in Missouri—Legislative Proceedings.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Thursday, Feb. 4.

A delegation of prominent ladies of St. Louis arrived at Jefferson City yesterday with a petition from the Women's Suffrage Association of Missouri, asking the Legislature to provide for the amendment of the Constitution of the State so as to strike the word male from that instrument. The petition will be presented this afternoon, at which time addresses will be made by some of the ladies on the subject of female suffrage.

The House yesterday passed a bill which provides that any joint stock company or association from another State, transacting business in this State, may sue or be sued in the Courts of this State.

The delegates of the Women's Suffrage Association were received by the Legislature in joint session this afternoon, and treated with marked respect.

Politics in Virginia—Revenue Collections.

RICHMOND, Va., Thursday, Feb. 4.

A meeting of native Virginians was held in Goddeavy County, which included farmers and professional men. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the new movement, deprecating further resistance to the Reconstruction acts, and perfecting the meeting into a political organization, with the name of "Republican Party." This is the first movement of the kind in the State.

The Revenue collections of this district for the month of January were $126,000, being four times greater than the collections for the same month in 1868.

Execution of a Murderer in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Thursday, Feb. 4.

LEWIS DAVIS was hanged at 12:45 o'clock P. M., to-day, in the Cuyahoga County Jail for the murder of D. F. SHERMAN, of Independence, in September last.

Skating Match at Buffalo Between Young Women.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Feb. 4.

The skating match for $500 between Miss ADA GORSOUR, of New-Brunswick, and Miss NELLIE DRAN, of Chicago, took place at the Rink this evening, before an assemblage of 4,000 persons. After a very exciting contest the match was won by Miss NELLIE DRAN, the score standing 3 to 2. Miss GORSOUR has challenged Miss DRAN to skate another match for the same amount at the Rink on Saturday evening.

The Illinois Legislature.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 4.

In the Legislature to-day a joint resolution was passed submitting to the people an amendment to the State Constitution to the effect that the Legislature shall have no power to release the Illinois Central Railroad from the payment of any tax on gross receipts. It is positively asserted in Springfield that Gov. PALMER will veto FULLER's bill to regulate railroad fares.

The Case of Fiske, the Wife Poisoner, at Fitchburg.

WORCESTER (Mass.) Dispatch, Thursday, Feb. 4.

The examination of ROBERT D. FISKE, the wife poisoner, and Miss ADELAIDE EVANS, the daughter of the victim, who is charged with being accessory to the poisoning, which was to have been held in Fitchburg this morning, has been postponed until Wednesday, the 10th inst.

Failure of a Dry-Goods House in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 4.

A large dry-goods jobbing-house failed here to-day. Its liabilities are said to be $600,000, $70,000 of which are due one house in this city.

Weather Report.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 4—4 A. M.

Place.	Wind.	Weather.	Ther.
Plaister Cove	N. E.	Snowing	20
Halifax	S. E.	Snowing	26
Portland	East	Cloudy	27
Boston	S. W.	Raining	31
New-York	N. W.	Cloudy	40
Philadelphia	West	Cloudy	40
Wilmington	West	Raining	40
Washington	West	Clear	42
Norfolk, Monroe	S. W.	Cloudy	44
Richmond	West	Raining	40
Augusta	West	Cloudy	44
Savannah	S. W.	Cloudy	54
Charleston	West	Clear	52
Cayego	North	Snowing	24
Buffalo	N. E.	Snowing	30
Pittsburg	West	Snowing	34
Chicago	N. W.	Snowing	19
New-Orleans	West	Cloudy	48

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 4.—The snow-storm has not yet ceased. The roads are badly blockaded. There was a severe thunder-storm during the night.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—The snow-storm continues with great fury. Travel will be stopped.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

READING, Penn., Feb. 4.—Capt. JOHN P. HALE, Superintendent of the Scott Foundry and a prominent citizen of this place, died here of typhoid pneumonia to-day. Capt. HALE was a son of Judge HALE, of Centre County, and a brother-in-law of Secretary WELLES.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—The large cooper shop of HILL & WRIGHT, in East Boston, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss was $12,000 and the insurance $7,000.

LOWELL (Mass.), Feb. 4.—Mrs. MARY DELANEY, living on Ladley, was struck by lightning last night, and burned with all its contents.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 4.—CHARLES M. DUPUY, for many years a Professor of the French language in this city, died suddenly to-day from an overdose of chloroform, administered by himself. He was at one time the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Maryland. He was a native of France, and about 56 years of age.

FINE ARTS.

There was a brilliant reception last evening in the rooms of the National Academy of Design.

To-morrow afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock, the usual studio receptions will take place in the Dodworth building, in Fifth-avenue, and in the Tenth-street building. These pleasant receptions lose none of their popularity by repetition.

THEATRICAL.

The Burlesque Madness.

An epidemic, which the Board of Health is powerless to arrest, has seized upon New-York and infects it in every part, counting its victims by the tens of thousands. It may be called the Mania for Burlesque. Slight touches of it have always been felt among us. Once there was an infected spot called Mitchell's Olympic, where it flourished in every season; after that nest was swept away by advancing civilization, it came upon us intermittently—like some worse things—in the heat of the Midsummer term, at Wallack's and other places. A French variety of it seized upon the vitals of this City over a year ago and held tenaciously to its stake; then the last—the most overwhelming and the most irresistible kind of the disorder, the English, (Blonde,) in the moment of our weakness, swooped upon us, and we are now hopelessly ill of it—even if we are not yet quite sick of it!

At Niblo's Garden it has broken out with unparalleled intensity; at Wood's Museum it has renewed its vigor; at the Theatre Comique it riots amid fresh victims, and the wise ones tell us that it will soon break out at the Waverly Theatre—by which name the once Hope-(less) Chapel is to be hereafter known.

The distinguishing symptom of the epidemic is a singular and easily detected appearance of masses of light and golden hair on the stage of the afflicted theatre; after this symptom the spectator is appalled by observing a tendency in the patients to dispossess themselves of their clothing, and it requires the greatest exertion to keep anything on them; then follow a series of piercing screams called comic singing, distorted and incoherent ravings called puns, and finally, strong convulsions denominated breakdowns and walk-arounds. Exhaustion supervenes after a fit of two or three hours each night. The remedy for this serious visitation has not yet been revealed. It is uncertain what applications will reduce the disorder—applications for pieces at the various box offices have been recommended, but the result of that is to increase it. Some dismal folk have predicted destruction to our community from the example of the burlesquers. It is feared that the light hair, the clotheless and the convulsive symptoms may spread to every home and carry desolation to every hearth. The true remedy may yet be adopted by the Hygienic guardians of the Metropolis; this remedy is quarantine! The infection comes through late importations from England; scarcely a steamer arrives here that does not bear fresh quantities of the golden-hair, which once landed on our shores develop into the true raving, roaring, slamming-and burlesque! We respectfully suggest a strict quarantine and renewed vigilance toward all English vessels.

But to lay aside this figurative style of treating the burlesque madness, and talk of it as it is—one of the engrossing subjects of theatrical amusement—there are some words to be said.

The burlesque is a species of entertainment dangerous to dramatic art, because it defies criticism.

It is folly to weigh the merits of a pun—the strength of rival feminine heels and toes—and those graces of the human form which ought to be concealed from promiscuous gaze.

Art has little, if anything, to do with the success of such entertainments. A pretty face is of more help to it than genius, and distortion is its strongest point. No ugly woman ever made a success in the extravagant roles of burlesque, and no genuine comedian ever made his exit from its wild or glee without feeling heartily ashamed of the antics he had performed to secure the measure of applause that followed him from the scene. Female face and form carry all its honors, and Androgynous parody of masculinity creates its opposite into mirth. No burlesque ever succeeded upon its literary merits. Its wit is tolerated only from a bewitching mouth, and its humor from beneath a petated nose. Its object is to upset decorum, to upset gravity, to disarm judgment, and to intoxicate the senses. If the audience is so befogged as to carry away no definite idea of it save that he has seen a forest of unveiled limbs shaken by a storm of wild music—its triumph is accomplished. Should he be able to remember a succession of coherent incidents, the burlesque has failed of its intended effect.

It is safe to say that judged by such a standard all the extravaganzas now being performed are unquestionable successes.

NIBLO'S GARDEN—"THE FORTY THIEVES."

Here the well-known Lydia Thompson troupe have increased the fever awakened some months ago at another theatre. The extravaganza of "The Forty Thieves," as produced at Niblo's Garden, was originally prepared by Mr. H. J. BYRON for the English market, and has been refitted for the American trade by Mr. E. E. FARRIS. A remarkable weakness marks most of the reconstructed portion. There is none of that paralyzing audacity about the local puns, such as usually recommends these personalities to ironical shouts which are frequently more hearty than mere appreciative laughter,—but the allusions to local themes are for the main part pointless and weak. The burlesque is placed before the public, however, with all the lavish wealth of glitter, costume and accessories that Niblo's Garden is famous for. An painless corps of auxiliaries, including the now imperative ballet, clad in shining dresses, crowd the stage, and a novel view of the Robber's Cave—upon exclusive club principles, a silver forest and a brilliant coup d'œil called "The Jardin Mabille" are produced as specimens of the taste and skill of the painters and machinicians of the theatre. In the last scene the reverent indecencies of the Parisian can-can are brazenly interpreted by a motley mass of dancers and strangers there exhibited.

The music embraces of course all the new airs, all the old ones, and all the variations which both will bear. Of the *dramatis personæ* it is to be said that Miss LYDIA THOMPSON, as dancer, offers herself from first to last in a succession of every known and unknown dance, with that amazing restlessness, vim and vigor which gives her the lead in this class of performances, and that she gives several new readings of old nursery rhymes, and sings with a nightly increasing consciousness that she has a larger theatre to fill with her voice than she ever had before. Miss WEBER is the *Morgiana* of the story, and the only novelty in her performance is that she now plays "boy" in female dress, instead of her usual tunics; there is the same freedom and unrestrained abandon about her manner,—and she flourishes at Niblo's, as if she had been playing there a year. Miss MARKHAM, who is neither an actress, nor a dancer, nor a singer, nor a creator of comic effects, beams upon the audience as a fine picture in the *role* of the robber chief *Abdallah*. The new blonde arrival, Miss GRATTAN, is quite a good match of the latter in talent, &c. Mr. BECKETT continues to recall J. S. CLARKE in his touches of gesture, and does some acrobatic imitations of Bowery melodrama in the part of a ferocious and agreeable bandit. Many of the incidents of the piece are quite amusing, but the length of the performance is rather too great to admit of all being enjoyed. Three hours of unvarying nonsense is altogether too much. The funny things that come first excite the heartiest laughter, however, the most so, that where the "Female Forty Thieves" "present arms," "make ready," and strike a light from forty matches to "fire" forty cigarettes at the word of command, that where a couple of rival suitors bribe the honest Judge with bags of treasure, that where the sleeping *Ali* is rescued from instant destruction by the passing train — of his wife's dress, and that where the modern "club" occupations of the Thieves in their dens is shown. These things have made an immediate success for "The Forty Thieves," and the piece has drawn crowded houses to Niblo's every night.

THEATRE COMIQUE—"BLUTO."

The burlesque at this house, which is also an adaptation by Mr. FARRIS of one of BYRON's London successes, is preceded by Mr. W. H. LIZGARD'S highly interesting personal and protean entertainment. LINGARD'S metamorphosical sketches became town-talk a year ago, and hence have none of the claims of novelty upon public attention, but their popularity is little diminished, and the unique transformations of this singular performer impels the same approving outbursts which first attended the exhibition. The characters now personated by Mr. LINGARD differ in some respects from those on his original programme; thus we have, instead of *Captain Jinks*, one *Sergeant Copp*, who is quite a different person altogether, although he belongs to the genus *Pilot*. "A Gent of the First Water" and "Fifth Avenue" are representations in song and individuality also, of a couple of "howling" swells, sketched from the spot, which seem to have set in for a popularity equal to that accorded to the lady "On the Beach at Long Branch." The burlesque, which follows these sketches, is a very free adaptation of mythology to modern uses. *Orpheus* and *Eurydice* are the hero and heroine of this extravaganza, but *Pluto* and not Jupiter is the presiding spirit. Mr. LINGARD plays *Pluto* in a way that shows him to be most effective in imitative minutiæ. Mr. GEORGE ATKINS, who was for so many months the comic scourge in the "Black Crook," reappears here as *Eurydice's* cook and housemaid, and in the course of the play offers a ponderous blow to the burlesque madness of the hour, by appearing in the short-shirts, long golden hair, and idiotic antics of the reigning theatrical favorites. The other parts in the extravaganza are mainly played by a number of blondes,—ladies who will compare in the essential particulars with the most popular of their sex in this line now before the public. Miss ALICE DUNNING takes the lead among them for personal charms and electrical vivacity. As *Orpheus* she created the most agreeable effect. In respect of scenery "Pluto" has not been neglected, and Mr. MARSTON has furnished a glittering transformation tableux.

WOOD'S MUSEUM—FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.

The entertainment here has been materially curtailed, and passes over a couple of hours now with uninterrupted pleasure to all concerned. The preliminary farce has given way to the ballet of "L'Aimee," which now begins the performance and the burlesque begins before the audience has become weary of waiting for it. In performing his work of reconstruction, and preparing "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" to meet local favor, Mr. FLORENCE has not wholly dammed up the more natural sources of fun by such wretched obstructions as silly puns present, and hence the piece of itself is not insufferably dull. The affairs of history are humorously parodied, and the performers burlesque the historical heroes with hearty sense of the ludicrous. The whole is well received, and with a little less singing (which is quite ineffective) would be altogether pleasant. One improvement may be suggested: Let the rival kings ride to their meeting upon the golden field on a couple of velocipedes, and the localization will be complete. The bucktrot horses now used in the scene are a relic of the past, too much worn to be tolerable on our lively stage. An amusing tournament between *Henry* and *Francis* takes place in the last scene, when the rival monarchs enter a rope ring and box for the Royal championship. The height of the ludicrous is approached when the Police burst in, break up the fight, and arrest the principals. The new *debutante*, Miss ROSE MARSEY, carries off no honors; she neither sings, dances nor acts with more ability than a hundred of her less elevated sisters do. The dresses of this piece are often quite gorgeous. Those of Mrs. FLORENCE are unusually resplendent.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.

To a well-balanced mind the next best thing after assisting at a perfect theatrical performance is to witness a thoroughly bad one. The impression which the latter makes is doubtfully the most profound. It has the same effect as reading a medical almanac—it makes us feel as if Mankind were all miserable wretches together, and deserved nothing but thorns. It is very wholesome, however, and should be tried occasionally as a sort of tonic. Those who desire to follow this recommendation may visit the New-York Theatre, and see the efforts of Mr. MORGAN BUCHANAN and his dramatic cronies, in a play entitled "The Fisherman's Daughter." The performance is stamped from throughout badness, perhaps, by an occasional gleam of intelligence which marks the acting of Miss BUCHANAN. This young lady is undeniably out of place in the wretched company of actors which surround her, and should be rescued. She has many germs of talent for emotional acting, and a season or two devoted to the apprentice-parts of her art might develop them for the public benefit and her own. As for the rest, we propose a measure by which they will get as much pay with half their present labor: Let them stand still one half the time, give their eyebrows a spell of rest, and speak from their chest—which is about one-third the distance from which they now bring their words.

The Arion Masked Ball at the Academy of Music.

The celebrated Arion Singing Society gave their grand annual masquerade at the Academy of Music last night, with the usual brilliant success. The aim of the Arions is enjoyment, and they spare no expense, or either their purses or private entertainments, to obtain the desired result. The stage of the Academy on the present occasion was ornamented at the back with a beauteous scene of snow-capped mountains, beneath which, in the valley below, nestled a river edged with gardens. Upon a jutting crag stood an old German castle, and immediately in front of the flowing canvas, an exhaustless variety of flowers and shrubs clustered round a broad-leaved palm. Many-hued roses, milk-white lilies and camellias, pinks, euphorbias and asclias hung upon their native stems, translated from fragrant conservatories of the suburbs. The Mexican aloe bowed its leaves in graceful fraternity with the orange and the lemon, and high above all towered the slender and bristling yucca. The sides of the gay marquee that canopied the stage were adorned, equally with the lobbies, with these rich reminiscences of the tropics. They rose from mass of snowy white, and filled the air with perfume.

The proceedings opened at 8:30 with the "Arion March," and on the rising of the curtain which hid the stage, the floor committee, in the red costume of Blue Beard, headed by Capt. SCHNEIDER, and the lobby committee, in the blue and white livery of royal page, paraded and saluted with their swords the guests in the boxes, none of whom were yet allowed on the floor. A scene of Castle Garden hid the floral glories at the back, and a crowd of emigrants landed, who had arrived to do homage to Prince Carnival. Among these were Queen Isabella, of Spain, the King of Hanover, the Elector of Hesse and other political exiles. Jolivette, on leaving his vessel, found the particular trunk of his baggage stolen, which contained his big idea for the ball of the night. This was in allusion to a neighboring Singing Society, which lately gave a masquerade and unmercifully appropriated sundry features which they had heard were intended by the Arions. A detective was called, who discovered the thief, and his likeness was taken as a present to Police Superintendent KIRKPATRICK. When the idea was regained, Castle Garden faded away and the inspirations of Arion were displayed before Prince Carnival, who, as he sat a throne, surrounded by brilliant courtiers. The Italian opera managers, Maretzek, Ullman, and Strakosch appeared, leading "Don Juan," "Figaro" and other their characters, while, from the opposite side, Donizetti and Grau, with the Grand Duchess, Lucrezia Borgia, Rosina and their associates, pressed forward, hurling a cynical defiance. A quarrel ensued, during which "Wagner," in the name of the music of the future, entered, followed by Tannhauser, Venus, Lohengrin, the Flying Dutchman and the Horn Chorus. Prince Carnival, on seeing Venus, proposed matrimony, which that lady of many husbands blushingly accepted. By this act he was supposed to accord the palm to the music of the future, but all parties became friends, conscious that in his spacious principality there was room for all. The Pilgrim Chorus then threw aside their sable limonious robes, and revealed themselves as harlequins and pierrots, Prince Carnival and his bride descended from their thrones and led a march of all the characters, in which the spectators joined. After this the dancing commenced, and continued for two morning. The variety of costumes was greater than at any previous Academy ball of the season, in accordance with German custom, Dreamland was deeply invaded, and gnomes, sprites, demons and fairies, arose from its realms of fancy in profusion. No expense seemed spared upon the dresses. The hire of the thirty Blue Beard costumes of the Committee alone cost $1,000. The crowd was great, and the dancing was participated in with true German spirit. Among the invited guests were Gen. GRANT, Gov. HOFFMAN and Mayor HALL, with all the leading actors and actresses of the City. Among the latter, Miss ALICE DUNNING, of the Theatre Comique, was conspicuous. She is a blonde of rare beauty and faultless type, and was attired as a Daughter of the Regiment. LINGARD, the original Capt. Jinks, was also present for a short period, costumed in the character which has aided his fame. Miss PAULINE MARKHAM, of Wood's Theatre, attracted her usual share of admiration. A flood of pretty dancers from Tammany, Wood's and the Olympic disported themselves likewise upon the floor, and were the recipients of admiring glances from the gentlemen present. Many fashionables of both sexes, German, French and American, were to be seen, and the Arion Ball this year fully sustained its brilliant reputation of the past.

Movements of Gen. Grant.

Gen. GRANT arrived in this City last evening, and at 8 o'clock occupied, with several guests, a private box at Wallack's theatre. His presence was not known to the audience until at the end of the first act he rose to leave. Then he was recognized while passing in the rear of the parquette, through the vestibule and into the street. Gen. GRANT then visited Niblo's, where a genuine ovation awaited him, and where, any chance allusion in the dialogue to the President elect was loudly applauded. At the words "Let us have Peace," uttered by Miss LYDIA THOMPSON in the cave scene, the house literally rose, and the cheering endured several minutes.

PERSONAL.

Gen. SAMPSON MASON died at his residence in Springfield, Ohio, on Sunday last, aged 75 years. Gen. MASON was an able lawyer, had held several offices of trust, and in 1862 was elected State Senator, but resigned after the first session. He was a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and was stricken with death while listening to the service on Sunday.

Hon. E. B. WASHBURNE, who has been detained at home by severe sickness for several days, has so far recovered that he expects soon to resume his seat in the House of Representatives.

The East River Bridge Legislation.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Before the act now in the lower House is passed, it seems by all means advisable that it should be amended so as to make a more effectual protection to the interests of our City and of Brooklyn, than the bill which passed the Senate.

The pending amendatory act contains four provisions:

First—That the interests of New-York and of Brooklyn shall be respectively represented by three City officers as directors, (the Mayor, Comptroller, and President of the Board of Aldermen of each City;) and that "the other members of said board of directors shall be elected by the *other stockholders*."

Second—A mandatory clause that the Company shall proceed without delay to construct and complete June 1, 1876.

Third—That the Company may construct foundation piers within the pier lines of the East River, but "*shall not* extend into said river beyond the pier lines established by law."

Fourth—That the Company may operate a passenger railway on the bridge, and charge City rates within the bridge length.

As to the first clause, it appears that our Brooklyn friends, without any of the usual preliminary advances and courtesies, came upon both branches of our Common Council of 1868, in the very dying hours of that body, and obtained a conditional subscription of $1,000,000, and similar diligence in Brooklyn obtained a subscription there of $5,000,000. The total capital stock being $8,000,000, and the representation of these cities being limited to six directors, it follows that the remaining item of $600,000, in a Board which may contain twenty-one and which must contain thirteen directors, will hold the entire control of this corporation and do with our investment what it pleases. It also appears that of the original incorporators we stand as ten New-Yorkers to twenty-six Brooklyn men, and that it is not intended to give New-York any adequate representation in the "select" election, according to the authority of the Brooklyn *Eagle*. Under this arrangement our Brooklyn friends can manage all the details of the work exclusively to their own interests, without remedy for us.

In the various discussions pro and con which have attended this project for a year or two past, several important facts have been apparent.

It is not by any means certain as yet, that the plan of this bridge, as now adopted, and to be consummated by this legislation, is judicious as to its location, its level, its central span, its details of structure, its pier dimensions, or its cost. On our side of the river it is intended to start opposite the Registrar's office, at the City Hall Park, and from thence to the river, to occupy 2,231 feet of valuable business property and streets, to Pier No. 30. The excessive length of the approach is due to the elevation assumed for the structure, and the narrow span, and also to want of study as to the propriety and advantages of lateral, in place of direct approaches. Whether the usual precedent for taking lands can be conducted in the same conclusive manner which procured the Common Council subscriptions, is a question open to some doubt, and bearing with considerable force on the mandatory assumptions of the second section of the amendment, which may have been inserted to insure an early contract. In any case, it is certain that this experiment will probably and seriously injure our public interests at its commencement.

From these considerations it will appear that there is ground for serious apprehension of the stability of this structure, as designed, in the particulars above named, as has been demonstrated in the public papers and before the Institute of Civil Engineers, by competent authority. The interests of our investment should have been duly guarded in this respect before it was made; but as no public opportunity was given in this direction, it is evident that some provision should be incorporated in this law, making it peremptory, before any contracts are made, or any money is spent, that the interests of New-York, in all these particulars, should be thoroughly canvassed by a scientific Board, independent of Brooklyn influences, who may decide for us, whether all these municipal and private interests shall be sacrificed by this location, and whether or no there is any contingency of doubt as to any detail of construction in the proposed plan.

On another point it is important that our City interests should be guarded. When we are asked to place in an expenditure of $5,000,000 for a single bridge, practically of 1,400 feet span, when the cost of the great Victoria Bridge at Montreal, nearly two miles long, was estimated at $6,000,000; when the Highland Suspension Bridge, in the heart of the rugged mountains, of the same span, for heavy railway traffic, is estimated at $3,750,000; and when Col. ADAMS' estimate is published at $4,750,000, we have reason to look on it as a very extravagant item, out of which somebody or other will make a round profit. But when we find it intimated in the papers evidently as *fact* in the secret processes of this speculation, that the cost of construction will be about $3,000,000, *exclusive* of the excessive land damages and contingencies, and it is also intimated that a Brooklyn contracting firm famous for large profits, is already connected with this project, in arrangement if not in deed, the approximate figure we begin to understand how enormous it is in the aggregate. New-York should not be properly represented in the direction, and who it is that is interested in the speedy union of the great cities. In this view of the case it is imperative that our representatives at Albany should insist on the additional provision that the contracts for work by this Corporation except under public competition to the lowest responsible and competent bidders, and that the work should be so subdivided as to insure an economical as well as substantial construction.

In view of the uncertainties which yet surround this plan, and the certainty that the limited area of a proper central pier could offer no obstacle to river navigation, the act should contain a clause making such a pier available if found important.

When the funded debt of Brooklyn is now no less than $50,000,000, and the floating debt $20,000,000, we submit to our friends across the river whether what we ask is not entirely reasonable and judicious, and whether it is wise to run the risk of a further debt of $4,000,000, out of which the practical return in actual value of work done may be comparatively nothing, in all events, if the citizens of Brooklyn, outside of this incorporation, cannot or will not guard their own interests, let them not blame us on this side for an act of forethought, even at the eleventh hour of our wasteful day.

ALBANY.

New Bills Before the Legislature—Doings in Both Houses—Gov. Hoffman—A Thursday Storm.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1869.

The present Legislature is bound to provide itself with plenty of work to do during its hundred days' session, whatever disposition it may manifest to do it. Two hundred and twenty-six new bills have already been introduced into the Senate, and four hundred and forty-five in the Assembly. Half a dozen special committees have been appointed to investigate all sorts of alleged abuses, and buncombe resolutions, designed to facilitate the delivery of buncombe speeches, have been offered without number. Meantime, four weeks of the session have already passed and next to nothing has been accomplished. Considering the character of a large number of the bills now before the Legislature, perhaps it would be as well for the State if they were to adjourn now and leave the work where it is.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM. OF THE SENATE—THE ALBANY BASIN.

The Senate this morning elected Mr. FOLGER President pro tem., to occupy the chair of the Lieutenant-Governor whenever he may be absent from his post during the session, as he is to-day. The session of this body was occupied, as it has been for three days past, in discussing the bill appropriating $20,000 to repair the Albany Basin. An unexpected opposition to the bill has developed itself, and, notwithstanding the Attorney-General's indorsement, its passage is now considered doubtful. No one appears to be able to decide whether the State or the City of Albany is liable for the repairs.

The Assembly has been occupied to-day with general orders, but an evening session is to be held, when Mr. BENEDICT's resolution indorsing Gov. HOFFMAN's message, or that part of it relating to the Municipal Government of New-York City, is made the special order.

THE CHEMANGO CANAL EXTENSION.

Among the general orders considered in Committee of the Whole to-day was Mr. TRUMAN's on bill, imposing a tax of three-sixteenths of a mill each dollar of the taxable property of the State for the next two years, to raise money to complete the extension of the Chemango Canal. Mr. TRUMAN made a very convincing speech in favor of the bill, its utility and necessity of the measure, and as a bill imposing a similar tax last year passed the Legislature, the chances of this one are considered good. In answer to a question of Judge TRUMAN, Mr. TRUMAN said that the Canal officers had estimated that it would require only $650,000 more to complete the extension and open up the rich coal fields of Pennsylvania to easy access from the interior of the State, the work being expected to be realized by the bill at $650,000.

GOV. HOFFMAN—A THUNDER SHOWER.

Gov. HOFFMAN returned from New-York last night, but was detained from attendance at the Executive chamber to-day by temporary illness.

The citizens of Albany were favored with an unusual meteorological phenomenon last evening in the shape of a thunder shower, accompanied with the most brilliant flashes of lightning, which continued for an hour or more. The rain took the form of hail before it reached the ground, and during the night transformed itself into an old-fashioned snow storm, which has continued to the present writing.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE, ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 4.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. WILLIAMS—To amend the charter of Port Gibson, Wayne County.

By Mr. PRICE—To extend the time for the organization of the New-York Elevator Company until May, 1870.

By Mr. MCMILLAN—To provide for draining lands in Amherst, Erie County.

By Mr. MORRIS—To provide means for supplying pure water to the village of Dunkirk, and to create a Board of Water Commissioners.

By Mr. FOLGER—To appropriate $4,000 for the payment of services and expenses of State Assessors, also, to provide that cemetery lands shall be exempt from taxes, provided each proprietor shall have actually used, or faithfully designed to use, the same as places of interment for a family burying lot.

By Mr. CROWLEY—To provide for the construction of a navigable feeder to the Erie Canal in the town of Pendleton, Niagara County.

By Mr. HUBBARD—To make a free bridge over the Susquehanna River in the town of Hairbridge.

BILLS PASSED.

To change the name of the Lehigh Gas and Iron Company to the Mineral Vale Gas and Iron Works.

For the relief of HIRAM WEBER.

The President presented the report of the New-York State Institution for the Blind. The total expenditures of the institution for the year 1868 were $36,872.

Also, the report of the De Veaux College for Orphan Children. This institution received from all sources during the past year $21,836 38; expenditures $21,336 34.

The remainder of the morning hour was spent in discussion of the Albany Pier bill, after which the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The following bills were ordered to a third reading:

For a General Theological Seminary.

To legalize the acts of JOSEPH GUNKEL as a notary public.

To settle the accounts of THOMAS D. GILCOW, a former sheriff of Clinton Prison.

The Assembly then took a recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The Assembly this evening, DENIS BURNS in the chair, considered the message of Governor HOFFMAN.

LAWRENCE D. KIRKMAN, of New-York, spoke in defence of the message, and Mr. LA RAU, in opposition.

Mr. BERGEN followed in support of the message, after which the Assembly adjourned.

THE WEEHAWKEN CASE.

Evidence of the Defendant—The Case to be Summed Up Today.

The case of HARRISON vs. VREELAND, for breach of promise of marriage, was resumed at the Hudson County, N. J., Court yesterday morning. The remaining witnesses called on the part of the plaintiff testified mainly upon two points—in regard to VREELAND's wealth, and also as to the fact whether his visits to Mrs. HARRISON were regarded as preliminary to marriage.

Mrs. Mary Sorbes testified that she knew the parties, Mrs. Harrison and also the defendant; she was introduced to the defendant in the Summer of 1866 at the house of Mrs. McLean, in Newark; Mrs. Harrison was also there, and the head of Vreeland's visits was to Mrs. Harrison; witness knew preparations to be married.

Sheldon Vreeland, sworn—I reside at Greenville; I was a resident of Greenville, and knew the plaintiff and defendant; saw the latter at Mrs. Harrison's house once, but did not see enough to enlighten conversation; had known the defendant for many years and knew him to be a man of means; defendant owns a farm in Greenville of about thirty acres; the timber on it he sold twenty or thirty years ago for $8,000 per acre; he believed that the defendant also sold about ten acres two years ago for $2,000 per acre; the defendant was regarded as very wealthy; but witness could not say how much he was worth.

Adam Boyt testified that he resided at Greenville, and that he was Collector of Taxes; in 1867 Mr. Vreeland's personal estate was assessed at $162,000; the farm which was worth nearly $100,000 being assessed to his name.

Several other witnesses gave evidence to the fact that Mr. VREELAND had called on Mrs. HARRISON at her house, but no new facts were elicited. Among others, Miss JULIA HARRISON, a young lady, aged about 20 years, testified that defendant visited her mother at frequent intervals during three or four years; at their interviews the witness was present.

The decree of the Court in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. SHELLY, who claimed to be defendant's wife was placed in evidence, when the plaintiff's counsel announced their case closed.

Mr. FLEMING opened the case for the defense, and proposed to show that there was never any agreement of marriage between the parties, but that it was a well devised scheme for extorting money from the old man who had "been a resident here for nearly a century."

Geo. J. Dillaway, sworn—I reside at Greenville and know the parties in this suit; have known Mrs. Harrison ten or twelve years; about the Fall of 1866 Mrs. Harrison submitted for my inspection a paper; it was the release executed by her to Mr. Vreeland; she spoke of suing Mr. Vreeland for breach of promise, and thought of fixing the amount at $10,000; this was previous to my seeing the release; I told her that I had seen the paper; I told her that if she gave it to him that it was a final settlement; about the time of the Chancellor's decision in the Shelly case; Mrs. Harrison said she had visited Mrs. Shelly in New-York, and obtained important information in relation to the pretended marriage (of Mr. Vreeland with Mrs. Shelly); said she visited Mrs. Shelly to procure the release which was in Mr. Vreeland's trunk at her house; she offered the servant girl $50, to aid her in procuring the release, but Mr. Vreeland's son had been there and taken away his trunk; about ten days after this occurrence Mrs. Harrison spoke about bringing a suit, and I told her I could not act in the matter, and advised her to employ counsel; the conversation recommending the employment of counsel was after

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5-20 Coupon, 1862	109¾	109¾	10-40 Coupon	104	104¼
5-20 Coupon, 1864	109¾	109¾	U. S. Curr'cy Fd.	19¾	21¾
5-20 Coupon, 1865	109¾	109¾	Gold	134¼	134¾
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NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

By virtue of the authority conferred by the Legislature of Connecticut, accepted and approved at a meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, held in 1868, and in pursuance of a vote of the Company duly adopted at that meeting, the Directors will convene in each of the Towns in this State on the last day of March next, at 2 o'clock P. M., to be assessed, and to receive the assessment, at the rate of one dollar on each share, on 30,000 shares of New-Capital Stock of this Company at par, in the proportion of one share for every two shares of Stock as shown by the books of the Company on the 20th day of March next, and to pay the same to the Treasurer, or his Deputy, in the towns of Stamford, Bridgeport, New-Haven, Meriden, Hartford, Willimantic and Norwich, on the last day of April next, and the remaining fifty whereof the same shall be called for by the Board of Directors.

Certificates will be given at the time of paying installments, and certificates of full-paid stock will be given in exchange for the same at the Convenience, wherever the full amount shall have been paid in.

Persons owning less than two shares, or such fractional shares as may be advised to purchase or sell, so that the number of their shares shall be two, or a multiple of two.

Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th March next, and reopened on the 20th April next.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM D. BISHOP, President.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

NOTE.—The remaining 75 per cent. will be called for in three installments of 25 per cent. each, to be duly notified in the newspapers in the road and stockholders recorded are requested to notify the Company at once whether they elect to take the new stock.

BOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,

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Make advances on American securities and cash credits on demand. Bills on the United States or England, and Letters of Credit in all principal cities of Europe, also, make Telegraphic transfers of money between CALIFORNIA AND EUROPE.

PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI.

Holders of the coupons on Gold-bearing Bonds of the PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI, due Feb. 1, 1869, will present the same at the BANK OF AMERICA on and after that date for payment in GOLD, free from Government tax.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 59 WALL-ST.

Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

MILWAUKEE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY.

A Dividend of 3½ per Share, arising from assets of the Company, not included in the consolidation with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company, will be paid on the 15th inst. at the rate of FOUR per Cent. per annum.

FREDERICK SCHOCHARDT & SONS, No. 40 Exchange-place, as the stockholders of the Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad Company, will receive scrip on the Dividend of 3½ per Cent. payable on and after the date of consolidation of the two Companies, at their legal representatives.

FRED. SCHOCHARDT, Trustee.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the stockholders of this Bank, at a meeting held on the 12th inst., for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Bank, has been taken; that the Bank is closing up its affairs accordingly.

And the holders of the notes of this Association are hereby notified to present the same for payment and redemption at the office of the Association in the City of Troy.

Dated Troy, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1869.

By order of the Board of Directors.

FER. SIMS, Cashier.

The Bank has reorganized as a State Institution, and will continue business as usual, under the name of The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANTS' UNION EXPRESS COMPANY, No. 118 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, JAN. 29, 1869.

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE transfer books of this Company will be closed at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in New-York, and at Exchange-place, Jersey City.

The Company will issue to the holders of the old stock of the American Express Company, and to those who have become such by purchase, certificates of stock, which will be issued in exchange for the old stock, and be entitled to share in the profits of the Company from the date of their purchase.

The Board of Directors have also resolved to pay a cash dividend of 5 per Cent. on the new stock, payable on and after the 15th day of March next, to the holders of record on the 15th day of March next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 15th of March, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JAMES H. MCKINLEY, Treasurer pro tem.

FINANCIAL.

California Pacific Railroad Company.

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THESE BONDS ARE SECURED BY A FIRST MORTGAGE ON THE ENTIRE PROPERTY AND FRANCHISES OF THE COMPANY, comprising their numerous LANDS, WHARVES and WATER FRONTAGES at Vallejo and Benicia, a total length of road, 132 miles.

Finished, fully stocked and equipped, and now running from Vallejo to Sacramento, 40 miles.

The monthly earnings on this portion of the road are more than double the monthly interest on the entire issue of the bonds.

The road is the most direct route between San Francisco and the Central States, reducing the time between these two cities to three and one-half days.

The Marysville line is in process of construction; the grading nearly completed, one rail on the road, and to such point in February, the road will be completed and in full operation.

The road bed is of most substantial character, properly ballasted, completely fenced, and equipped with the best quality of rolling stock and equipment.

The every dollar which this road cost is either by receipts from either stock or the land and its appurtenances, more than double that of any portion of the State.

From authentic proofs, received by us from Vallejo, we perceive that the gross receipts of the road, and future prospects of this road, are far more than sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds, and the Directors and Trustees are prepared to negotiate a first-class investment, cash, and in every respect desirable.

Pamphlets, maps and other information can be had on application to

TURNER BROS., Bankers,
No. 14 Nassau, corner Pine-st.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the American Umbrella Frame Company will be held on the 15th day of February, 1869, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the office of the Company, in the City of New-York, for the purpose of fixing the capital stock of said Company at the amount of $[illegible].

A. STEWART BLACKLEY,
SIGISMUND T. MEYER,
DUDLEY M. FERGUSON,
AARON JACOBS,
JOHN W. HASTWARD,
Directors of Trustees.

Dated New-York, Jan. 31, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN PETROLEUM COMPANY, NO. 120 BOWERY, CORNER OF GRAND-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR SEVEN TRUSTEES will be held on MONDAY, Feb. 15, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will remain closed until then.

W. A. HALL, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Company will call during February, $150,000 of their first mortgage bonds at 90, and a like amount in March will close the entire issue. The amount to be taken from the amount of bonds.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President.
No. 42 Wall-st.

PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI.—Six per cent. bonds, principal and interest payable in gold, for sale on favorable terms.

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A RESERVE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE will be held on TUESDAY, FEB. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 BROADWAY, TRINITY BUILDING.

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DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTEENTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE GERHARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 402 BROADWAY, JAN. 28, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared the usual semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent., payable on and after Monday, Feb. 1, free of Government tax.

JOHN E. SMITH, Secretary.

ARE YOU INSURED?

OFFICE OF THE BUFFALO FIRE INSURANCE CO., NO. 120 CEDAR-ST.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual Dividend of SEVEN PER CENT., free of tax, payable Feb. 1, 1869.

JAS. W. DUGLISS, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 157 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, JAN. 28, 1869.

A semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.

A. H. WALTON, Secretary.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE American Coal Company of Allegany County have declared a Dividend of Three per Cent. in the Capital Stock, payable on and after the 10th day of March next, at the office of the Company, No. 119 Broadway.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of the 20th February to the morning of the 10th March.

E. A. MYERS, Secy.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1869.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1869.

A DIVIDEND OF (3) FIVE PER CENT. free of tax, has this day been declared, payable on Monday, 1st February, prox., till which date the transfer books are closed.

W. W. SOHO, Cashier.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY—TWENTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on demand, day of January, 1869, at the 128 Broadway.

WM. H. LEGGETT, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

Nos. 202 AND 204 CANAL-ST., Corner LAIGHT, SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON $5 TO $2,000, in gold. ASSETS, $1,250,000.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE COUNTRY PROPERTY ON STEAMBOAT LANDING.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. B. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, FEB. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 BROADWAY, BUILDING.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. B. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.

BY ORDER OF THE UNDERSIGNED, A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE NEW-YORK HOSPITAL: THE EIGHTY-EIGHT LOTS COMPRISING ALMOST THE ENTIRE BLOCK BOUNDED BY BROADWAY, CHURCH, DUANE AND WORTH STS., WILL BE LEASED AT AUCTION ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DAY.

This property is located in the centre of the heavy business of the city, on high ground, with dry, sandy soil, and surrounded by first-class improvements. The leases will be for a term of 21 years, with the usual covenants for renewal, and will be similar to those made by the "SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR," which have always been considered as most favorable for the lessee. The advantages of holding long leases on property in the business portion of the City is demonstrated by the large leases which have been paid for those made by the Sailors' Snug Harbor, amounting in many cases almost to the value of the fee. The leasing of the above-described property at auction will afford an opportunity that in all probability will never again occur for procuring leases of building sites that must, from the constantly increasing demand for business property in this City, soon be worth a large premium, especially as this property is by law

EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

JAMES W. BEEKMAN,
JOHN DAVID WOLFE,
RODNEY T. LIVINGSTON,
JACKSON S. SCHULTZ,
JAMES M. BROWN.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT VESSEL.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

The United States steamer COLONEL BUCKNER will be offered at public sale at the port of Baltimore on 18 o'clock, noon, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10, 1869. This vessel is a

PROPELLER

of 55 net tons, length 100 feet, breadth 22 feet 6 inches, depth of hold 6 feet 6 inches, draft, light 3 feet, loaded 4 feet.

She has one direct acting low-pressure Engine (32 inches diameter) of 70 horse power, and one boiler.

The hull is very covered with 1½ inch white oak planking. The hull and boiler were recently repaired, and is equipped in good order.

All the property on board that rightfully belongs to her outfit will be sold with the vessel. She is well found in every respect, and ready for immediate use.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids for the vessel offered by the undersigned.

The vessel is now lying at the head of Spear's wharf (foot of Gay-street), where the sale will take place, and is open to inspection by those desiring to become bidders.

Terms—Cash in Government funds on day of sale.

STEWART VAN VLIET,
Brevet Major-General, U. S. A.,
and Brevet Major-General United States Army.

PRIVATE LIBRARY AT AUCTION.

Clinton Hall Salerooms and Art Gallories, Astor-place.—LEAVITT, STEERSIGH & CO., Auctioneers.—FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 5, at 7 o'clock.—Private library of the late Rev. Dr. Bethune, comprising a very valuable collection of Standard works, and 1,000 English editions. Also, many valuable miscellaneous works, among which may be mentioned Appleton's Encyclopædia, 16 volumes, 8vo, cloth; Library of Fine Arts, 4 volumes, 8vo, cloth; Wise Society Publications, 10 volumes, 8vo, cloth; Wise Society Christology, 4 vols., 8v, cloth; National Portrait Gallery, 4 volumes, morocco, 4to, &c. Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—IN the matter of CHARLES A. MORFORD, a bankrupt.

Pursuant to an order of the Court made in the above-entitled matter, I will sell at public auction, by James M. Miller, auctioneer, at the real estate salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the city of New-York, on the 17th day of February, 1869, at 12 o'clock, noon, of that day, the following debts and other property:

A promissory note of Winchester Britton, dated Sept. 21, 1868, payable in 6 months, for $[illegible].

A promissory note of Britton & Ely, dated Oct. 16, 1868, at two months, for $[illegible].

A promissory note of Catharine E. Conover, dated Oct. 16, 1868, at two months, for $[illegible], payable to and indorsed by D. D. Conover and J. Conover.

A promissory note of Abel T. Collins, dated Nov. 7, 1868, at three months, for $[illegible], payable to and indorsed by Thomas Dunning, of Newark, N. J.

Two promissory notes of C. E. Woodworth, each for $[illegible], one dated Nov. 9, 1868, at two months, and one dated Dec. 8, 1868, at three months, and with these notes are delivered collaterals in pledge, viz.: 1,000 shares of the stock of the Hudson River State Company, 4,320 shares of the stock of the Hudson River State Company.

A promissory note of Garrett D. Clark, dated April 6, 1868, at three months, for $[illegible].

A promissory note of Robert Renfrew, dated Oct. 27, 1868, at sixty days, for $[illegible], and with this note are delivered collaterals in pledge, viz.: 100 shares of Erie Railroad stock, payable in 4 months; 1,000

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST, EVERY WEDNESDAY.

The general friends on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....ROUSSEAU.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURGOT.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Mar. 28

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (excluding wine.)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $80; second cabin, $50.
TO PARIS.
Including railway tickets furnished on board.
First cabin, $145; second cabin, $95.

These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

Medical attendant free of charge.

American travelers going or returning from the Continent, may by taking the steamers of this line avoid both transit by English railways and the discomfort of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Salvage Clyde built steamers are intended to sail
EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20 North River, 10 o'clock, noon.

COLUMBIA	Feb. 8	IOWA	Feb. 22
BURGOS	Feb. 15	CALEDONIA	Mar. 1
LIBANIA	Feb. 22	ANGLIA	Mar. 14

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $85. Steerage, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $30 and $35. Children under 8 years, half fare; under 1 year, free. Steerage tickets to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.

Drafts on demand payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply at the company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR, SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.

RUSSIA	Feb. 12	ASIA	Mar. 4
CHILIA	Feb. 19	AUSTRALIAN	Mar. 18
CUBA	Feb. 26	RUSSIA	Mar. 25

Passage money payable in gold or currency.

Cabin, to Paris			$100
Cabin, to Paris, including wine			$105

The steamers of this line will not be accountable for the value declared and signed for.

For freight or passage, apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

CUNARD LINE OF QUEENSTOWN.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, VIA QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

ASIA	Feb. 13	ALEPPO	Feb. 27
BOHEMIA	Feb. 20	SARDINIA	Mar. 4

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.

Cabin	$80 Gold.
Steerage	$30 Currency.

Passage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown included.

For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

E. CUNARD.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 42 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

MINNESOTA (new)	Feb. 12 at 2 P. M.
NEVADA (new)	Feb. 26 at 2 P. M.
COLORADO	March 4 at 10 A. M.
HERMANN	March 11 at 10 A. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Tickets to children under 8 years of age, half price. Tickets to children under 1 year, free. Passage from Antwerp can be obtained on reasonable terms.

For freight or passage, apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

For steerage passage, apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

THE STEAMSHIP PENNSYLVANIA HALL will leave SATURDAY, Feb. 8, at 10 M. (Pier No. 47 North River).

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $80; Steerage, $30, currency.

Steamship Helvetia from Liverpool or Queenstown, 8th, currency.

Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

P. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Saturday, Feb. 8, 1 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK (Via Halifax) Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Feb. 15, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 P. M.

The Saloons on these steamships are amidships, and will be lighted by gas. SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	First Cabin	$80
To London	105	To London	85
To Paris	115	To Paris	95
Steerage	30	Steerage	30
St. John's, N. F.	40	St. John's, N. F.	40
Branch Steamers	40	Branch Steamers	40

Passengers also booked to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c.

Tickets can be bought here at much less rates than prevail in Europe for the same class thereof.

For further information apply at the Company's Office.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEWCASTLE AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.

THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 20th, upon the arrival of the British mail steamer at Panama from New-York, and the Company's steamship New-York for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports.

A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Kimberley.

For further information regarding rates of freight and passage, apply at the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 60 Wall-st., or to

CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 22 William-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin.			
Outside.	Inside.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$125	$100	$75	$50

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

FOUR TIMES A MONTH.
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous:

One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

Pass to ALASKA, Capt. A. G. Gray, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. Lapidge.

Steamer leaving Feb. 9 connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco March 4, 1868, for China and Japan.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office, 1 Exchange-place, foot of Canal-st.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC Mail Steamship Company's steamer ALASKA, sailing on TUESDAY, 28 inst., at 12 M. Freight received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, 27 inst. All usual bills of lading signed subject to collision clause.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOREST, THOMAS AND BERARDI, UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on 10th and 25th of every month.

SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. THOMAS, Feb. 25.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. E. SLOCUM, March 10.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WING, April 25.

These splendid steamships sail on specified days, and will not be detained by waiting for cargo, as the Lessees, going and returning, for freight or passage, apply to

WM. H. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 8 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer MOSELLE, Capt. WITHERS, on Feb. 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FIRST STEAMER FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS, VIA KEY WEST.

Freight taken as low as by any other line. The favorite steamship

TYBEE,
R. A. DELANOY, Commander,

is now receiving freight at Pier No. 4 North River, and will positively sail on SATURDAY, Feb. 8, at 4 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to

STOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 22 Broadway.

No steamer sails for Galveston on Friday, forwarding by railroad from Galveston is not guaranteed by railroads, Lavacca and Brazos, without commission.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE BROOMIELEE LINE.

Prosperity of this line will leave Pier No. 4, North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

CORTES.....NELSON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 8.
MARIPOSA.....HUMBLE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 15.

Freight taken via Mobile, Mobile and Galveston at through rates.

For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to the agents, E. R. CROMWELL & CO., No. 56 Wall-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA.
Connecting the Mobile steamship
BIENVILLE, J. S. BAKER, Commander,
will leave SATURDAY, Feb. 8, at 3 o'clock P. M.

DE SOTO follows.....Feb. 15.
RAPIDAN follows.....Feb. 22.
VIRGO follows.....Feb. 29.

Through bills of lading given for freight to Galveston, Indianola, Lavacca and Rio Grande, Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.

No Lawrence freight received after day of sailing.

For freight or passage apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 42 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE WEST INDIA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE. The fast and popular steamship SAGONOCKY, Capt. CRIDER, commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 8 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points in the Southwest. Agents in Charleston, HAYNE, LEE & CO., forward all goods free of commission.

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 22 William-st.

The side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA will sail on the following THURSDAY.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A RESPECTABLE WIDOWER with home, desiring gentlemanly companions, will find a pleasant family, or boarding school, near New-York, within 1½ hours' ride. Apply A. Times Office.

A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE WITH TWO children, desire to take a suite of rooms with a private family, upon liberal terms; location above 14th-st.; giving and requiring references. Address Box No. 4,261 Post Office, with particulars.

A FEW SINGLE GENTLEMEN CAN obtain board in a private family in Newark. For particulars address THOMAS RUSSELL, No. 8 Chambers-st., New-York.

TO LET—IN NINTH WARD, PARLOR AND bedroom, furnished, with partial board, to single middle-aged gentleman; family private. Apply at No. 108 Greenwich-st.

No. 1,234 BROADWAY.—A LARGE AND well furnished front room to let; will be occupied by two gentlemen; rent reasonable; one door above 30th-st.

No. 44 WEST 3RD-ST.—TO LET, WITH board, parlor and hall, handsomely furnished, second floor, front; also room for single gentleman. Terms moderate.

No. 4 EAST 27TH-ST., ONE DOOR FROM Fifth-ave., elegantly furnished apartments, three rooms or more, with convenience complete, in fact with private table only.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET, FURnished, a second-story front room, with bath attached; best of reference required. Inquire at No. 101 East 18th-st.

No. 9 EAST 11TH-ST., NEAR 4TH-AVE.—Large front room, can have a nice hall bedroom, on second floor; B. B. R. reference, small family; terms $12 per week; bath and gas.

VERY ELEGANT NEWLY-FURNISHED rooms for gentlemen, with breakfast if desired, in one of the finest Fifth-avenue Hotels. Address ROOMS, Post Office Box No. 1,007.

A FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET IN Brooklyn, in a good location, convenient to ferries; rent $400 per annum, in board; immediate possession. Address H. C. F., Box No. 114 Times Office.

TO LET—ONE LARGE ROOM ON THIRD floor, with board, with five large closets, at No. 13 West 35th-st.; will be vacated on Thursday, Feb. 4.

No. 24 WEST 46TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and 6th-ave.—First-class rooms on second and third floors, with board.

FIFTH-AV.—NO. 18.—4 FURNISHED rooms to let, with private table; also single rooms, with or without board.

No. 49 WEST 15TH-ST.—A FRONT parlor and bedroom, on second, and back room on third floor, with good board.

No. 217 WEST 36TH-ST.—FURNISHED rooms to let, with or without board; references required.

TO LET—IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, A FURnished room, on second floor, to a gentleman, with or without board. Call at No. 19 East 16th-st.

No. 21 WEST 19TH-ST.—VERY FINE rooms to let, with board; references exchanged.

No. 20 WEST 16TH-ST.—A FIRST-CLASS room with board for gentleman.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

Leave Jamaica—6:30 A. M., Mail train for Greenport, Sag Harbor, Riverhead, Huntington and Glen Cove; 8 A. M., Express, River Head; 4 P. M., Huntington and Glen Cove; 5:45 P. M., Huntington and way stations. All trains connect with steamer for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.

L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT, foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

5 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.

8:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Otterville and intermediate stations.

10 A. M. Express Mail, for Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.

3:45 P. M. Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations.

4 P. M. Way Express Train, only at Sterling and stations east of Chester (except Otisville), Newburg, Warwick, Montgomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.

5 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.

6:30 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.

6:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and Southwest. By this train passengers will take breakfast in Buffalo, Rochester and Cincinnati, without change.

8 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.

A Way Train leaves Hoboken for Suffern, Midland Park, Pompton Plains and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4:15, 5:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 11 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otterville; 1:05 P. M., for Paterson; 5:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, and all points West and South; 6 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.

Express Trains run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change of cars, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.

Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all night trains.

Tickets for sale at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway and foot foot of Chambers-st., New-York; also, at Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.

WM. K. RANDOLPH, Gen'l Pass. Agent. H. RIDDLE, Gen'l Ticket Agent.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 18, 1867, trains by Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

8 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, stops at 125th and Stations, through to Albany and Troy, with drawing-room cars attached. Parlor car for Albany at 8:30 A. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, stops at 125th and Stations, through to Albany and Troy, with trains for Lake Ontario, Buffalo, Burlington and the North.

11:30 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, stopping at 125th and Stations, through to Albany and Troy. Drawing-room car attached to this train through to Troy.

3:45 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with drawing-room cars attached, and through to Albany and Troy, with connections for Buffalo and Lake Ontario.

5:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, and through to Albany and Troy, with connections for Buffalo and Lake Ontario.

A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 8 A. M., returning to New-York at 5:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 9:30.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT at 8 A. M., and returning at Millbrook at 5 P. M., returning, leaves Millbrook at 6:40 A. M., arriving at New-York at 12 M.

WM. K. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: At 1 A. M., 8:45, 9:15 and 6:30 P. M. And Secaucus only at 11 o'clock night. The 1 and 6:30 P. M. run through to Mount Hope.

Nov. 2, 1867. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

LOST AND FOUND.

$50 REWARD.—LOST OR STOLEN, CERtificate No. 11,652, for $10,000 United States Five-Twenties, registered in the name of Mary Grant Trustee, Jr., and endorsed on the back to R. P. Spence. All persons are cautioned against negotiating the same. Fifty dollars reward will be paid for the same by RETOUNE, PHIPPS & BERNHAM, No. 24 Broad-st.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the side-wheel steamer

FLAG OF THE SOUTH,

On WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12, at 3 P. M. Steam Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Is now receiving. Through rates and bills of lading given to Mobile through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior on lower rates than any other line.

This steamship only affords accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.

For freight or passage, apply to

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No. 214 Chambers-st.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, sailing regularly every WEDNESDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. previously, from Pier No. 4 North River.

COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICKLEN.....Feb. 12.
EAGLE, Capt. M. A. GREEN.....Feb. 19.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. HAVEN.....Feb. 26.

For freight or passage apply to

S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY,
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.

The fast-sailing steamship HUNTSVILLE will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on SATURDAY, Feb. 8, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to

J. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 18 Wall-st.

Cabin passage $20.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—The New-York and Mobile Mail Steamship Line sails every twenty days. The splendid new steamship CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. John Charles, will leave Pier No. 4 N. R. foot Rector, on THURSDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 P. M., for Havana and its entirety. For freight or passage apply to

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UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—Issued by A. J. WILLSARDIE, United States Passport Agent, No. 4, Chambers-st.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES, HORSES, &c., WELCOME, ALL STYLES. GREAT BARGAINS. Hansoms, buggies, coupés, &c., at WEEKSES of CARVER STREET, No. 80 Broadway.

HORSES, TRUCK AND HARNESS will be sold at a bargain; also one good horse for any business; cheap. Apply at 64 West 14th-st., one door below Sixth-ave.

FOR SALE—FOURTEEN HORSES AND harness; they are suitable for first carts, some for express, and others, etc.; also one handsome milk cart, first cost. Call at No. 10 New Chambers-st.

THREE HORSES FOR SALE—LATELY brought in from the country. Can be seen by calling at No. 52 Vesey-st., corner Hudson-st.

HORSE FOR SALE—SIX OR WILL EXchange for a large one. Inc. 18 Walker-st., near Hudson.

HORSE, TRUCK AND HARNESS FOR sale, at No. 32 East 14th-st. Price $150.

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ACRES! ACRES! ACRES!

TO CAPITALISTS.—For investment, 100 per cent profit can be made on land lying along the Sacramento River Valley, between Colusa and Butte Forts; 4,000 acres for sale on Yuba River; 2,000 acres for sale on Yuba and Feather Rivers; 500 acres for sale on Yuba and Feather Rivers; 500 acres for sale on Yuba and Feather Rivers; 500 acres for sale on Yuba and Feather Rivers. Apply to WALTER UNDERHILL, Matteson, Yonkers, N. Y.

FOR SALE AT MORRISTOWN, NEW-JERSEY.—The country place of the late A. Bonnell, Graves, containing fifty acres and upward, about 1½ miles from the depot. Place can be divided into a very large and easily managed house, with all modern improvements, and four-acre field, and all other necessary outbuildings. The building and grounds are in excellent order. In addition to the former owners and occupants, it has been a place of resort for many of the leading men of the country, including Governor Seward, Gen. Scott, Gen. Wool, Gen. Grant, Gen. Sherman, Gen. Meade, Gen. Sheridan, Gen. Hancock, Gen. Pleasonton, Gen. Kilpatrick, Gen. Custer, Gen. Dix, Gen. Halleck, Gen. Ord, Gen. Rosecrans, Gen. Thomas, Gen. Blair, Gen. Ewing, Gen. Schofield, Gen. Terry

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Full Accounts of the Recent Disturbances in Havana.

Details of the Conflicts Between the Cubans and the Volunteers.

The Slaughter at the Theatres—Reign of Terror in the Streets.

The steamship *Columbia*, which left Havana Jan. 30, reached this port yesterday. In the subjoined letter of our correspondent will be found a very interesting account of the deplorable scene of disturbance that took place in Havana on the 22d and 23d of January, in which many lives were lost. Purser OSCAR CROCKERSON has our thanks for courtesies.

CUBA.

A St. Bartholomew Night in Havana—The Villanueva Theatre Melee—The Louvre Massacre—Slaughter of an American Citizen—The American Consul and Gen. Dulce—A Frenzy—News from the Seat of War.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

HAVANA, Saturday, Jan. 23, 1869.

The interest so intensely displayed by all parties since the receipt of the news of the fall of Bayamo, has been followed by the most profound agitation caused by the events which have taken place since then in this city, the sites Spaniards having been wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement by the hostilities of the French, the gratuitous insults and taunts of the opposition journals or pamphlets, and the careless confidence placed in the volunteers. Many of these, in fact, the majority, have only enlisted within the past three months, and are as yet unaccustomed to think or act like regular troops, or as such to heed discipline, while the original members of the organization know their duty, at least to a certain extent; if these had been properly advised and been under the immediate control of their chiefs and officers, it is very doubtful whether I would have been compelled to narrate the sad events of this week of horrors, as it is already called by citizens of all classes. The blood of innocent citizens and foreigners, and an American citizen, has been freely shed.

THE VILLANUEVA THEATRE MELEE.

The announcement in the play bills of this theatre, that the song "La Insurrecto" (the female insurgent) would be sung, attracted on January 22 many individuals, the greater part of whom were ardent sympathizers with the cause of Cuban independence, especially as the proceeds were to be devoted to the revolutionary cause. At the conclusion of "El Perro Huevyo" cries of "Long live Carmona!" "Long live free Cuba!" and "Death to Spain!" resounded throughout the building, and the most intense excitement manifested itself. In the midst of this uproar a shot was fired inside the theatre at one of the performers. This seemed to be a preconcerted signal, as it was immediately followed by a discharge of small arms from the outside on the part of the Spanish volunteers, who had collected in the ditch, or old military fosse, contiguous to the building, evidently lying in wait. The peacably disposed spectators in the theatre became terrified at the fusillade thus unwarrantably opened by the supposed preservers of order upon an edifice containing many innocent women and children. The deafening cries of "Viva España!" intermingled with the no less energetic cries of "Viva Cuba" and "Viva Carmona" added to the terror of the scene. The Cuban party responded to the fire of the volunteers with revolvers, while the latter, strengthened by continual arrivals of squads of their comrades, kept up an interrupted fire upon the theatre. In a short time over a thousand armed volunteers, in combination with several hundred Spaniards, armed in various ways, had completely surrounded the place. The volunteers, maddened by excitement, could not be restrained by their officers from the commission of outrages which many consider quite justifiable. The arrival at the scene of this lamentable though disgraceful conflict of the "Segundo Cabo" (Assistant Captain-General) and his staff, induced the heroic volunteers to desist from the massacre they were evidently determined on. After a conference with the Secretary of Police, the Segundo Cabo ordered all paths of approach to the theatre to be taken possession of by the troops, and the passage of all citizens prohibited. The adoption of this plan prevented any success from reaching those in the theatre, who were thus compelled to come forth and surrender themselves to the volunteers stationed outside, who compelled all that passed to shout "Viva España!" under pain of being bayoneted or riddled with bullets—probably both—on the spot. Notwithstanding, however, the terror inspired by the brutal acts of the soldiery, and the horrible plan entertained by some of them of setting fire to a building filled with men, women and children, some of the Cubans came forth undaunted and died under the bayonets of the military, giving utterance with their last breath to the words Cuba, Liberty and Carmona. A lady made her exit from the theatre and was getting into a coach, when, irritated by the presence of a volunteer, she cried out "Viva Carmona," a volunteer made a thrust at her with the bayonet, when she dropped a couple of revolvers and a dagger. Some one wished to kill her, but was prevented by his companions.

The number of killed in this massacre in and around the theatre amounts to eight, and the wounded were sixteen. Among the former are two women and two children, the oldest of the latter being 7 years of age. After some forty or fifty arrests had been made, order was declared to be restored. While the events related above were passing in Villanueva, measures were being taken in the Government Palace for its security against any meditated attack, the sentinels being doubled, and no passes being allowed to pass the lines. The guards were chosen at the front of the ranks (generally one out of each company) and kept up on the part of the volunteers a good deal of firing during greater part of the night. The next day the volunteers paraded the streets with the apparent intention of preserving order, but really to provoke resistance on the part of the Cuban revolutionists. These, however, were not attended with success, and Saturday passed off quietly.

DULCE'S PROCLAMATION.

Great surprise was manifested by a great many of the citizens of Havana because the Captain-General had not declared what policy he intended to pursue in the event of such like times of the previous evening being repeated. Expectation was not long kept on the tenter hooks, however, as about 3 o'clock the following laconic proclamation made its appearance:

HAVANAS: Last night a great scandal was committed, the authors of which will be punished with all the rigor of the laws.

Several of the disturbers of the public order are now in the power of the tribunals of justice. Peaceable citizens, confide in your governing authorities: defenders all of the territorial integrity, at the hour of the subject rest assured that justice will be done, and also prompt justice.

DOMINGO DULCE.

HAVANA, Jan. 23, 1869.

The publication of this document produced various effects. The Spaniards looked upon it as a justification of the conduct of their armed compatriots at the theatre, and the rank and file of the Cuban Revolutionary Party regarded it as a part of recommendation to the volunteers to murder Cubans affected with revolutionary sentiments with the greatest impunity. The efforts made by each party caused it to be suspected that other considerations much more unfavorable than that at the Villanueva Theatre would ensue. The result was not long delayed. Saturday evening passed off quietly enough, as only a moderate amount of prominence sufficient were committed, but Sunday was to come.

THE MASSACRE OF THE LOUVRE.

On Sunday evening, 24th, a shot was fired in the vicinity of the Tacon Theatre, while some volunteers were passing by, and this became the signal for a fusillade on the part of the irresponsible volunteers who were struggling in the surroundings of the Louvre Saloon. The Fe[illegible] and *Diario de la Marina* claim that the shot was fired from the upper story of the "Louvre" by a Cuban revolutionist, and aimed at one of the volunteers in the adjacent ditch. The Cubans, on the other hand, allege that the shot was the work of a "loyal volunteer," and intended to afford an excuse for his companions in arms to commence indiscriminate firing. Be this as it may, the result in either case would have been the same. As misfortune would have it, there were many Americans in the saloon at the time, Mr. SAMUEL A. COSHEE, a well-known photographer and an American citizen, happened to be in the saloon when the first volley was fired by the soldiers, and on hearing it, and feeling the atmosphere disturbed by the rapid passage of the bullet messengers, he attempted to seek a more quiet resting-place outside of its precincts. His efforts were not attended with success, and he fell dead within two squares of the Louvre. The discharge of the volunteers killed several Spanish gentlemen. An attempt has been made by the Press in the Spanish interest to throw the blame of the murder on private individuals. The assassination, however, is to be charged solely to the volunteers recently raised in this city and wearing the Spanish uniform. Two Germans were also killed by the first discharge, as also the manager of the establishment. In the billiard room immediately over the drinking saloon there were several Americans, who, becoming alarmed, succeeded in escaping by the roof. It is sometimes by many that a miracle alone prevented the loss of some fifteen or twenty lives. In the Tacon Theatre, just opposite, the company of JOAQUIN GAZZAMINIA were performing the opera of "Catalina," and were about half through the performance when the first shots were fired. It is not necessary to state at length the result. The doors were immediately closed and barricaded, and the performance terminated abruptly, the audience evidently not being disposed for theatrical representations while real tragedy was being enacted outside. The streets of course were at once deserted.

SACK OF ALDAMA'S HOUSE.

I need not go into the history of Mr. ALDAMA, as he is pretty well known in New-York as one of the most wealthy planters of the Island, and one of the most progressive. The Spaniards here who claim to be pretty well posted as to the political proclivities of the gentleman, represent him as being possessed of decidedly revolutionary tendencies, but up to the present time no overt act of his has proclaimed any connivance on his part with the plans of the insurgents. The suspicion attached to him, however, was sufficient to mark him out as a victim for the fury of the Spanish Volunteers at the first favorable opportunity that presented itself. This occurred on the night of the Louvre massacre. A shot was fired in the vicinity of ALDAMA'S dwelling-house, which, by the way, is the finest in Havana, and the cry was purposely raised that the shot proceeded from the upper story of the devoted dwelling. A rush was immediately made toward the edifice by the veteran heroes of Villanueva and the Louvre amid a general running fire from their own small arms. The doors were reached and forced, the military rabble entered, and, on searching the premises, found the old porter to whom the care of the house was confided—the ALDAMA family being absent on one of their plantations—and a few old negro women. The porter was relieved of his small change with incredible alacrity, the wine cellar was opened, and the generous liquors contained therein found their way rapidly down the thirsty throats of our valiant defenders. Dressing cases were prized open with sword and bayonet points, and their contents removed. Here was a party amusing itself by putting shot-holes into the paintings, improvised as targets for the occasion; here another diligently employed in cleaning the mud from their boots with the costly silk dresses and wearing apparel of the ladies of the household; in a word, the orgies were complete, and were continued throughout the night. Space will not permit me to enter more fully into details of this novel "raid," and I will close by simply stating that Mr. ALDAMA has returned to the city and instituted a suit against the authorities for the recovery of damages which are laid at $95,000.

AMERICAN INTERESTS.

In view of the shameful occurrences that have recently taken place here and the general sense of insecurity felt among all circles, the American Consul addressed a communication to the Captain-General, stating that if the Cuban Government were unable to afford to American citizens the protection to which, as peaceable residents, they were entitled, he would be compelled to apply to his Government for a force adequate to the exigencies of the case. After this communication was forwarded, Admiral HOZY, accompanied by some other officers, paid a visit to Gen. DULCE. In the interview that took place the latter expressed his profound regret for the occurrences which had taken place and his belief that they would not be repeated. I give below the reply of Gen. DULCE to the communication of the Consul:

I have received your Excellency's communication of this day and orders have been immediately given to deliver to Mr. JOHN N. JUAREZ the body of the American citizen, Mr. SAMUEL ALEXANDER COSHEE, who fell a victim to the unfortunate occurrences of last night.

I venture to assure your Excellency that it will be difficult for successes of that nature to be repeated. Nobody more earnestly deplores and condemns them than myself, though they are by no means new in the history of political conditions, and there is no other means of preventing them in the future than in the impartial application of justice and the energetic measures of those who govern. If difficult circumstances and extraordinary intrigues (Maquinas subterraneas) have resulted in a lamentable collision, I am taking and unimportant in its nature—I will not say that moment forgot the duties imposed on me by the prestige of authority and the relations of mutual confidence that exist between the Government of the Republic and the Provisional one of Spain.

For the greater security of citizens of the United States, you may remit to-day a list of their names to the Secretary of the Superior Government, who will furnish them with documents guaranteeing their personal safety on any of those occasions to really amountable in their nature but so frequent in Europe, especially when a sudden change is effected from a regime of violent repression to one of strict legality.

God preserve your Excellency for many years.

DOMINGO DULCE.

HAVANA, Jan. 25, 1869.

PROTEST OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Deep indignation is felt by all Americans residing here at the killing of Mr. S. A. COSHEE. The subjoined protest has been directed to the care of the American Consul, and signed by a large number of Americans:

To the Consul of the United States of America:

The undersigned citizens of the United States, with the same sense of horror which the want of individual security always inspires, to your Excellency and Government:

That on the night of the 23d day of this present month the volunteer militia, organized by the representative of the Spanish Government in this Island, are committing scandalous abuses, without any regard whatever for right and justice. This militia stops all passers by in the streets, under pretext of searches, and obliges them to cry out "Long live Spain," killing those who refuse to do so. This militia commits all kinds of depredations, entering the houses of respectable citizens and destroying their furniture. That militia killed, on the night of the 23d, an American citizen, Mr. COSHEE, who was quietly going to his house. That militia, encouraged and backed by the tolerance of the Government, threatens more and more, from day to day, the security of the citizens of the United States, and that of the citizens of other friendly Powers. Members of that militia have entered public saloons, and, presenting their bayonets, have forced men to huzza for old Spain.

Therefore, the undersigned appeal to you, Sir, as best by every available means you may insure the safety of their lives, their homes and their mercantile interests. The Republic of the United States of America, which watches so closely over the interests and the welfare of its citizens, cannot suffer them to be victims of an unruly soldiery, and you, Sir, as the representative of our rights, as well as those of the other friendly Powers, will do us the favor to use the influence of your office in order that the Government of Spain may be informed of the state of affairs, and that the proper measures may be taken to put a stop to the disorders committed by the Spanish militia. The undersigned are confident that without any loss of time you will demand that which your patriotism claims of you as the representative of our native country. Every hour that passes by may be fatal to the Americans who reside in this city.

[FOLLOWED BY SIGNATURES.]

The most prominent of the signatures to the above protest are those of the Messrs. ALDAMA, who, it is stated, have left the city for their plantations.

LOCAL POLITICS.

The German Republicans.

The German Republican citizens of the Eighth Assembly District organized last evening at No. 226 Broome-street. Mr. A. AUFRECHT called the meeting to order, and nominated Dr. CHAS. STEIN as Chairman, which was unanimously carried. On taking the chair, Dr. STEIN addressed the meeting with some appropriate and well-timed remarks, after which the following-named gentlemen were chosen to the different offices for the ensuing term: President, A. AUFRECHT; Vice-Presidents, Ch. Stein; Secretary, F. Hartley; Treasurer, J. Meyer; Delegates to the General Committee, Dr. Charles Stein, Dr. Edward Teusch, A. Aufrecht, C. Jockel and A. Baumann.

On motion, it was resolved that this organization approve of the action of the General Committee, and pledge it its full support.

The meeting adjourned subject to a call from the Chair.

Radical Republican General Committee.

At a very full meeting of this Committee, last evening, a resolution was passed that a committee, consisting of one from each election district, be appointed to wait upon the President elect, when he is in this City, and request of him to name a time and place when and where he will receive the Central Committee, and that in the event of his compliance with such request, said Committee of Twenty-five be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the reception.

A similar resolution passed, applying to Senator FENTON whenever he shall be in this City.

The Chairman announced the Grant Committee as follows: Messrs. Kingsley, Herlick, Ross, Winchester, Eldridge, Brennan, Turner, Tracey, Brock, M. O. Roberts, Hays, Spencer, Gerard, Oliver, Thompson, Miller, Hunt, Oulver and Cooper.

The Fenton Committee was named as follows: Messrs. Leggett, McLaughlin, Fitch, Bennett, Guilderslevve, Nesbit, F. A. Conkling, Shehan, Winchester, Eldridge, Brennan, Burns, Alexander, Knapp, Hopper, Mathews, Berryman, Kirby, Wilson, Owen and Dewey.

Union Republican General Committee.

A meeting of this Committee was held last night, about fifty members being present. Mr. JAMES W. BOOTH presided. The Chair announced the Committees on Correspondence, Resolutions, Printing and the Executive Committee. A resolution, offered by Mr. DAVIS, was passed, that a Standing Committee, consisting of five be appointed on naturalization.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS it was resolved that the Committee request Hon. BURTON ANDREWS, Chairman of the Central Grant Club, to call a meeting of the Club, in order to make arrangements to send at least one delegate from each of the several districts to witness the inauguration of their first and only choice for President, U. S. GRANT, to unite with a like representation from this General Committee.

A motion passed that this representation consist of one from each election district. The Chair read a list of delegates, which was referred to the Committee, with power to fill vacancies. Adjourned.

Assembly Committee on Contested Elections.

The Assembly Committee on Contested Elections, which has been sitting for some time past at the Metropolitan Hotel, were in session yesterday in the Mariner's Harbor, on Staten Island. The case was that of WILLIAM M. HAWKINS, late Republican Assembly candidate in the Second Election District, comprising Middletown, Northfield and Castleton, against Mr. DECKER, the Democratic candidate, who was declared elected by thirty-three votes. Mr. HAWKINS charged that the Board of Inspectors had registered on days not prescribed by law, and that there were eighty-seven names on the poll list which did not appear on the register.

Fifteen witnesses were examined, who all corroborated the charge of Mr. HAWKINS. Others were subpœnaed, but did not appear. The case will be resumed to-day at the Metropolitan Hotel, when it will probably be closed. If that should occur, the case of SIMMER, the Mozart candidate for the Sixth Assembly District, against CAMPBELL, the Tammany candidate, will come up.

The Committee consist of Mr. W. W. HECKMAN, of Poughkeepsie, the Chairman; with M. E. SMITH, of Oswego; I. H. SALKENS, of Ithaca; W. E. CONARD, of Suffolk County, and F. W. MORRIS, of Kings County.

Installation of Rev. J. J. Brouner.

The installation services of Rev. JOHN J. BROUNER as pastor of the North Baptist Church, took place at the meeting-house, corner of Bedford and Christopher streets, last evening, before a large congregation, and was a very interesting occasion. Mr. BROUNER has for some time been pastor of the Baptist Church at Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, and leaves there only at the urgent solicitation of the North Church, where the years of his childhood and infancy were spent, and where he was one of the faithful and beloved pastors. His ordination from the College. The text of the sermon was by Rev. Dr. BARR, of Newark, and the charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Dr. LOCKE, of Newark. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the pastor by some of the sixteen new members, who are mostly young men, and the sermon to the church was given by Rev. Dr. DOWLING, of Newark. The church is one of the thirteen oldest churches in the City, and has some claim to be the mother of the Baptist churches in this City. The church is composed of about 150 members. The church is composed of four kinds, entitled the pastor of whom two is